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## Text of Bevin's Note to Chou En-lai

## BITTERNESS IN TAIPEH

London, January 6.

Great Britain extended full diplomatic recognition today to the Chinese Communist government.

The first major Western power to recognise Mr. Mao Tse-tung's Red regime as China's legal Government, Britain severed relations with Chiang Kai-shek's hard-pressed Nationalist administration.

The Nationalists promptly replied from Chiang's Taiwan headquarters with a note breaking off diplomatic relations with Britain.

Other Western European powers were expected to quickly follow Britain's lead. An authoritative Danish source says Norway, Sweden and Denmark probably would announce joint action soon, simultaneously, in the three Scandinavian capitals.

The announcement by the Foreign Office said British recognition was on a *de jure* basis. That is, Britain accepts the Peking People's Republic as the Government of China in law as well as in fact.

The Nationalist Ambassador to London, Dr. Cheng Tien-shi, was notified in advance on Thursday night that, as a result of the British action, he and other diplomats to representatives of Chiang Kai-shek are no longer recognised in London.

Britain was the fourth nation to take the Soviet orbit to recognise the Chinese Communist government. India and Pakistan, both members of the British Commonwealth, and Burma already have taken that step.

The British Foreign Office said it has formally advised Communist Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chou En-lai, of its desire to establish diplomatic relations.

## Text of Note

The Foreign Office announcement said the Note handed to Mr. Chou En-lai by the British Consul-General in Peking offered to exchange diplomatic representatives with the Peking government.

The Foreign Office said this was the text of the Note handed the Communist Foreign Minister: "Sir, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, having completed their study of the situation resulting from the formation of the Central People's Government of China and observing that it is now in effective control of by

far the greater part of the territory of China, have this day recognised that Government as the *de jure* Government of China.

"In these circumstances His Majesty's Government, in response to Chairman Mao Tse-tung's proclamation of October First, 1949, are ready to establish diplomatic relations on a basis of equality, mutual benefit and respect for territory and sovereignty and are prepared to exchange diplomatic representatives with the Central People's Government.

"Pending the appointment of an Ambassador, Mr. J. C. Hutchison (present Charge d'Affaires) has been nominated as His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires ad interim.

"Accordingly I have the honour to request that you will receive him and transact official business with him in that capacity, and further that he may be granted all necessary facilities for the transfer of himself, his staff and the archives of His Majesty's Embassy from Nanking to Peking.

"(Signed) Ernest Bevin, His Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The Foreign Office announcement said that the Consul-General at Peking had been instructed to inform Mr. Chou En-lai that the British Government has withdrawn its recognition from the Nationalist Government and that Minister of State Hector McNeill had informed the Nationalist Ambassador in London of that action on Thursday night.

He said that the Peking Government now has fulfilled the conditions required for recognition in international law of a government with de facto authority in control of virtually the whole of its territory.

Consequently, in the British view, there was no longer any good reason for withholding recognition.

Mr. Chou En-lai here took the view that though the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Acheson, said last night that the United States still considered recognition to be premature, there was not, in fact, very much difference of principle between the British and American attitudes towards recognition.

Mr. Acheson himself pointed out in public speeches last autumn that recognition does not in itself imply agreement with the aims of the government recognised.

The United States, for instance, is in relations with the Soviet Government. The sole criterion in international law is stability and control of territory.

## Recognition unconditional

The recognition, conveyed this morning by the British Consul-General in Peking to the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, is unconditional. The Note does not contain any of the phrases normally employed 20 years ago, calling on the newly recognised government to fulfil its international obligations.

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In a brief ceremony in the Royal Palace at Amsterdam, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed the act of transfer of sovereignty creating the new independent republic of the United States of Indonesia. Photo shows Queen Juliana signing the act. Next to her (wearing horn rimmed glasses) is the Indonesian Premier, Dr. Mohammed Hatta, and beyond him is Sultan Hamid II, of Pontianak. Minister without Portfolio in the Indonesian Cabinet. Seated next to the Queen (nearer camera) is the Dutch Premier, Dr. Willem Drees. (AP Photo).

## Hong Kong reaction to recognition

General approval, and a widespread feeling of relief, were the first reactions that greeted the news of Britain's recognition of the new Peking Government of China.

The announcement was carried in bold headlines in the afternoon vernacular papers, and it became the one topic of talk in town.

Business people, in particular, were elated and said recognition should have come earlier. Recognition of the new regime, they believed, will mean the restoration of normal communications with China, and resumption of trading, which has been held up since mid-October, when the Communists occupied Canton.

Though British recognition had for more than a month been regarded as a certainty, and everybody was prepared for it, the reaction yesterday was nevertheless widely felt.

The workers, the majority of whom have no political consciousness, took the news calmly, but the more vociferous Communist section greeted the announcement with great enthusiasm.

There was no announcement from Government yesterday on the subject.

Mr. T. W. Kwok, the Special Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Hong Kong, said he had received no specific instruction from Taiwan, but was expecting advice at any time.

Whether his office would continue to function or not would depend entirely on what instructions he might receive from his Government, and what he would do would be governed by international law and practice, said Mr. Kwok.

## Liaison office

He believed that some sort of liaison would remain between Hong Kong and Taiwan, and possibly some sort of office might function here, but all that has yet to be decided, he added.

Mr. Kwok could not say what the fate would be of Nationalist Government organisations in the Colony and what their plans are. He has had no instructions from Taiwan regarding them.

Official statements from the Nationalist banks and organisations in the Colony were not available. Enquiries were invariably put off with the answer that the managers or executive officials were out, but from less senior officials it was learned that as banking or business institutions they would carry on as usual.

Mr. S. J. Chen, manager of the Bank of China, was reported to be absent from office due to ill-

## Nationalist planes bomb S'hai airfield

Taipei, January 6.  
Nationalist P-51s bombed Lungshwa airfield at Shanghai on Thursday morning. Air Force headquarters here announced.

The announcement said installations of the Central Air Transportation Corporation were destroyed. It also was announced that Mosquito planes bombed and destroyed Communist defence works in two Communist-held islands of the Chusan group, 100 miles East of Shanghai.

Press despatches reported Nationalist air attacks on Communist craft massing off Luchow Peninsula for the invasion of Hainan—Associated Press.

ness, and none of his subordinates would make any statement without Mr. Chen's authority.

From the Bank of Communications, another Nationalist Government institution, it was learned that they, and as far as they knew, all the other Government banks, would function as usual. Their first duty as a bank is to their depositors and customers, officials said, and they must carry on.

The Chinese Postal and Remittance Bank officials said they were a part of the Chinese Postal Administration, and would carry on as such.

The Kwangtung Provincial Bank and the Farmers' Bank of China could not be contacted for information, as their managers were out and would not be back in the afternoon.

## Business as usual

Business at all the Nationalist Government banks went on as usual, and there was no "run" by customers, as some people feared. It was explained that most of the big accounts had already been withdrawn or reduced long ago. There was no evidence of a last-minute rush to remove assets. The explanation here, too, is that if any removal was to be done it had been done long ago.

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## U.S. LEADERS FRAMING NEW FAR EAST POLICY

Washington, January 6.

Administration leaders were reported today to be shaping a Far Eastern policy aimed at driving a wedge between the Chinese people and Communist Russia.

This policy, expected to be set forth in a statement soon, would announce a firm attitude of friendship for the inhabitants of China, leaving the way open for eventual recognition of the Communist regime there.

With respect to other Asiatic countries, the policy would state U.S. support for Nationalist—as opposed to Communist—movements, plus economic assistance and possibly arms aid to specific nations threatened by Communist aggression.

On Tuesday the Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson will go before a joint session of the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs committees to review global U.S. policy. Emphasis will be on the Western Pacific, particularly because of the current row over Taiwan.

Administration leaders expect Mr. Acheson to be armed with a complete Western Pacific policy statement at that time. Later, he may make a public address on the subject.

The basic policy lines which presently underlie American policy in the Orient, according to President Truman's declaration on Thursday of a hands-off attitude toward Taiwan.

State Department officials explained the Administration does not intend to give the Communists a chance to tell the Chinese people the United States is denying them control of Chinese territory.

**Dismay in Taipeh**  
Meanwhile in Taipeh, President Truman's hands off Taiwan statement ripped to shreds the big balloon of false hopes blown up by confident press predictions of American intervention.

All senior Nationalist officials approached, however, refused comment. One of them confided that "matter is a very delicate one. We don't like to criticize the head of a friendly state."

Among officials who took the no-comment attitude on the U.S. decision not to intervene were advisers to Chiang Kai-shek as well as Governor K. C. Wu, Foreign Minister George Yeh and South East China Commander Chen Cheng.

But there was no mistaking that Truman's statement caused concern and dismay.

It convinced the Nationalists the United States is not going to change the judgment passed in the State Department's White Paper.

It left them with the sad realization they can count only on themselves to hold Taiwan. It gave some of them the same sinking feeling they had when the Reds approached Canton and later Chungking and Chengtu.

It made them see that Taipeh their fifth capital since the fall of Nanking, was their last one unless they could hold Formosa.

And, coupled with Britain's recognition of the Communist regime in Peking, it made them feel alone, abandoned and a little more desperate—yet still determined to continue the fight to which Chiang Kai-shek and his fellow diehards have pledged themselves—Associated Press.

The police authorities said today that precautions had been taken in case "certain elements" attempted to make a political demonstration over Britain's recognition of Red China.

Members of the Chinese consular staff stood bare-headed this afternoon when the Consul-General, Dr. Wu, lowered the Nationalist flag outside his office and residence.

Dr. Wu said that property in Singapore owned by the Chinese Nationalist Government had been handed over to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for safekeeping—Reuters and Associated Press.

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## Flying Arrow sails for S'hai

The American freighter, ss. Flying Arrow, sailed for Shanghai at 12.40 a.m. today with an estimated HK\$800,000 worth of cargo.

Though 11 American seamen signed off the ship on Thursday morning, foreign seamen who were on the beach in Hong Kong immediately signed on as replacements, and the ship was fully manned.

## British ship sails for Shanghai

The first British ship to sail for Communist China since the announcement of Britain's recognition of the Peking Government, the ss. Elsie Molten, left the Colony for Shanghai yesterday with a high-grade cargo on board.

A British shipping official said yesterday that a wave of British ships could be expected to leave Hong Kong for Chinese Communist ports early next week.

He added that it is, however, premature to assume that recognition automatically cancels out the threat of the Nationalist warships.

"The Royal Navy will have to decide that," he commented. A Royal Navy spokesman would give no official statement last night on the effect of the announced recognition by Britain of the Communists.

He said that whether or not the status of the Nationalist warships operating inside the territorial waters of the Chinese Communist Government is changed would depend on high policy decisions.

He could not say that the Nationalist warships, if they attack British ships, would be regarded as pirate ships and be open to retaliation by the Royal Navy.

## AP man leaves Hong Kong in Flying Arrow

Mr. Wayne Richardson, Associated Press correspondent in Hong Kong since 1946 and head of the AP Hong Kong Bureau during the past four years, left for the United States on a round-about route late yesterday.

Mr. Richardson was aboard the Isbrandtsen freighter Flying Arrow which will attempt to run the blockade into Shanghai. He plans to remain in the Flying Arrow until the ship reaches Kobe. From there he will go by rail to Tokyo to board an airliner for San Francisco.

Mr. Richardson is returning to the United States for home leave and probable reassignment in the domestic service of the Associated Press.

His wife preceded him to the United States in mid-September.

—Associated Press.

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## Nationalist envoy denounces move

London, January 6.

Nationalist China's Ambassador to the Court of St. James, Dr. Cheng Tien-shi, today denounced British recognition of the Chinese Communists as a mistake and said his Government received its knockout blow "not from her foes, but from her friends and former Allies."

At a press conference at Portland Place in London's West End which has housed the Chinese Embassy since 1876, Dr. Cheng said the British action was "equivalent to burying us while we are still very much alive."

He said "I am a true friend of Britain and I sincerely believe the decision is against Britain's real and higher interests. History will show this to be true."

Reviewing his period of office as Chinese Ambassador to Britain since 1946, he said: "I was specially selected by my Government with the primary object of deepening our friendship with the British people. I believe I have done my duty."

Dr. Cheng said he was still at the disposal of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government and could not foretell what his future would be. He said "I belong to no party and have never taken part in politics. I am a lawyer, and I should like to live in England if I am made a free man but I have still to await orders from my government."

He would make no comment on the reports that he might be

willing to continue as Ambassador for the Peking Government if so requested by the Communist Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai. Dr. Cheng said: "I cannot be expected to make any comment on such reports at this critical time."

## "Need us again"

In a statement issued at the conference he said: "In spite of what has happened you may be sure that one day you will need us again as the history of the closing and reopening of the Burma Road has shown and you may yet count on us."

Dr. Cheng said "history will show that the decision to recognise the Chinese Reds was against the real and higher interests of Britain. It is equivalent to burying us while we are still very much alive and history will say that China has received her knockout blow, not from her foes but from her friends and former Allies."

"It has been the repeatedly declared policy of the British Government not to intervene in the war in China but what greater intervention could there be than giving recognition to the Communist regime at this moment? Honour to force and violence is very dangerous, particularly in view of the present world situation. If you wish to win, Caesar you will have Caesars and, what is worse, their bad imitators."

"In spite of what has happened you may be sure that one day you will need us again as the history of the closing and reopening of the Burma Road has shown and you may yet count on us. Personally I have been very much touched by the numerous verbal and written expressions of friendship and sympathy I received in recent weeks from people in this country some of whom are even unknown to me and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly." —United Press.

## The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKT) the depression centred about 600 miles NE of Tokyo has deepened and is moving rapidly NE. From it a trough extends SW across the Leeward Islands, remains high over China and the adjacent seas.

Today's forecast—Moderate or fresh ENE wind, fine at first, partly cloudy during the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 28.5 deg. Fah. Minimum 22.0 deg. Fah. Sunshine 10.5 hours. Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 1—6.2 mm—0.25 inch.

Readings at 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.

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## Today

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 Presentation of Chinese Music by the Chinese Music Society, at the PAF play house, 8 p.m.  
 Reception of the Chinese Society, at the PAF play house, 8 p.m.  
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## Coming Events Tomorrow

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# Workers' sentences quashed

The sentences of three workers, who were found guilty of stealing from the PAF play house, have been quashed by the court. The workers were found guilty of stealing from the PAF play house, but the court found that the evidence was not sufficient to prove their guilt.

A raid by Revenue Officers and detectives at 47 Main Street, first floor, led to the arrest of a man and two women and the seizure of over 90,000 heroin pills and some opium, it was stated at Central yesterday.

Defendants, Kong Kwan, aged 40, unemployed, Mak So, aged 47, married woman, and Ho Yin, aged 26, woman, were charged before Mr. A. D. Scholes with the possession of 96,082 heroin pills.

Kong was additionally charged with allowing the middle of the premises to be used for storing heroin pills. Mak was charged with assisting Kong in the management of the premises in which heroin pills were stored.

# Fined for dangerous driving

Benjamin William Simpson, 30, of Development Engineer of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, was fined \$800 on two months' hard labour by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of dangerous driving.

The defendant was fined another \$200 on one week for failing to stop after an accident and was also ordered to pay \$25 compensation. Defendant's driving licence was ordered to be endorsed.

Inspector H. B. Dewar told the court that at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, defendant was driving his car along Canton Road. He turned left into Kennedy Road and collided with a taxi. Defendant was not injured but the taxi driver was taken to hospital.

The taxi driver had two passengers in his car. He left one passenger to take care of the car and went to the hospital. The other passenger was taken to hospital. The taxi driver was taken to hospital.

# St. John Ambulance Brigade Annual Ball

The Annual Ball of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will be held at The Griggs, Hong Kong Hotel, on February 3 at 8 p.m., it was officially announced yesterday. The Brigade which played a valuable part in the defence of Hong Kong in 1941 by caring for the wounded and carrying out duties under enemy fire, depends on public donations for its maintenance.

It has only two days in the year to raise the necessary funds. One is the annual ball and the other is the annual 'Flag Day'.

Tickets for the Annual Ball may be obtained from Mr. Fung Phing-yan, Bank of East Asia, or from Mrs. E. Holmes-Brown at 2, Tai Hang Road. The Ball Committee Chairman is the Commissioner, CBE, Mr. D. W. McNeill. The St. John Ambulance Brigade, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, has now 950 men in the ambulance divisions with 70 officers, and 244 women in the Nursing Divisions with 25 officers.

In addition, there are 43 surgeons who lecture on and examine in First Aid and Home Nursing. One additional ambulance division for Hong Kong and one additional nursing division for Kowloon will shortly be formed.

All members of the ambulance division must qualify each year by passing a first-aid examination and all members of the nursing division must also qualify annually by passing a home nursing examination.

Two new divisions of ambulance men and two new divisions of nurses were inaugurated by Mr. Fung Phing-yan and Mr. Fung Phing-yan respectively bringing the strength in the New Territories up to six divisions (three ambulance and three nursing divisions).

Must attend drills. Each member must also attend at least 12 drills annually apart from public duties. Though Home Nursing is not part of the course, many men have taken it up and passed the necessary examinations.

Amplification and Nursing members have performed duties at all race meetings and important football matches during the season. They have manned life boats and four bathing clubs during the summer months on the beach.

# ESC regulations announced

Regulations governing the new Essential Services Corps, made by the Government, were published in the 'Government Gazette' yesterday.

The regulations cover appointment of a Commissioner, his powers, medical examination of members, grading of members, duties of the Corps, resignations, mobilisation, and allowances and pensions.

# HK reaction to recognition

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Britain's recognition of the Communist Government of China was a bombshell. It was pointed out that there had been ample warning of its coming, and it was all along taken as a foregone conclusion, with or without agreement of the United States.

The Chinese Nationalist Government's biggest assets in the Colony are the planes, equipment and other properties of the Chinese National Airways Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation, which are at present frozen by an order of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.

The outcome of the claims to them by the Nationalist Government and the Peking Government is still uncertain.

Ships tied up. Next in volume and value is the fleet of the Government-owned China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, which has been tied up in Hong Kong waters since the fall of Canton. The fleet consists of the four Yuen Tai, Fu Tung, Ching, and Hai Nan, Hai Kang, Hai Shun, Hai Sheng, and Hai Shing.

The Nationalist Government also owns a share in the two ships, Kwai Shan and Kwai Hai of the Kwangtung Navigation Company. These two ships, too, are tied up in Hong Kong waters.

Another Nationalist trading organisation operating in the Colony is the China Vegetable Oil Corporation, the extent of whose resources could not be ascertained.

The Government of China is another trading organisation with offices in Hong Kong, entrusted with purchasing supplies from overseas for the Nationalist Government.

The Nationalist Ministry of Communications also has an office in the Colony, mainly concerned with warehousing and transportation of goods for the Ministry by rail and major repairs to railway rolling stocks. It was a very active organisation until about a year ago, when it handled extensive railway equipment from abroad for the Ministry.

There are various other subsidiary organisations, many of which have ceased to function.

On the recommendation of a Social Welfare Officer, a court in Kowloon yesterday, Mr. James Wicks allowed a 17-year-old girl to be taken charge of for two years by the Salvation Army Home. The girl had previously pleaded guilty to the larceny of jewellery from her employer.

The girl's mother, who is a housewife, stole a gold bracelet valued at \$150. The girl in court pleaded that she had given way to sudden temptation.

Young Leung, a Chinese youth employed by the Royal Army Service Corps, was bound over to \$50 by Mr. James Wicks on a charge of larceny by servant. Young Leung pleaded guilty to having stolen an assortment of garments from the stores of the RASC at Shamshuipo. He said that he had done so to help his mother, who was about to have a child.

Nine months' hard labour was the sentence given by Mr. Wicks to Tong Wai, aged 21, who was found guilty of breaking into an address in Kowloon and stealing a gold watch and a gold chain. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

# Application for ejectment of Far East Motors

Judgment was yesterday reserved on the Tenancy Tribunal application for an exemption from provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance amounting to an ejectment application against the Far East Aviation Company Limited and the Far East Motors Limited from 26 Nathan Road.

The applicants, Soares-Alves estates, maintained that the lot—situated at the junction of Nathan Road and Middle Road—has not been properly developed, and that they intend to build a large hotel in place of the present garage premises.

Mr. W. H. Latimer, Tenancy Tribunal President, is hearing the case. The applicants are Fernando Maria de Lencastre and Alvaro Maria de Lencastre. The respondents are the Far East Aviation Company Limited and the Far East Motors Limited.

The present value of the business was about \$2,000,000. He went on. His motor maintenance and repair company was the biggest organisation in Kowloon of its kind, and he had about 500 customers in the charge account.

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# Ship's cook on gold charge

When charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with illegally importing six bars of gold weighing almost 100 grams and valued at HK\$1,008 on Thursday, Lam Chun-kit, 30-year-old cook of the ss Prosper, admitted his guilt.

In mitigation, the defendant said that half of the gold was owned by the commander of the vessel who had given it to him to buy provisions for the crew. The other half of the gold represented his wages. He had received his wages in Communism money when the vessel was in Tientsin and had changed it to gold.

Revenue Inspector Rodman said that he was not asking for the confiscation of the gold but a nominal fine should be imposed.

The defendant was fined \$500 and the gold was returned.

On hearing that he was to be fined \$500, Lam changed his story and said that all the gold belonged to him and that he had to use it to buy food for the crew.

# NAVY SHIPS ON EXERCISES

Two Royal Navy cruisers and three destroyers are on exercises in the high seas.

The cruisers HMS Belfast and HMS Jamaica, and destroyers HMS Concorde and HMS Consort, are expected back in Hong Kong sometime next week.

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received a further sentence of years' hard labour, the sentence to be served consecutively.

John Joyce, aged 23, Roy Signal's 20th Brigade, Shatin, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Tan, District Magistrate, with tampering with the door of the Redifusion office.

Sub-Inspector Yuen said that at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday the accused threw a brick through the window of the Redifusion office in Arden Street. The damage amounted \$30.

The accused was remanded in Military custody until Monday.



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## TAIWAN GETS THE INVASION JITTERS

Taipei, January 5.

### Plan for neutral Germany

Vienna, January 6.  
The movement started by Dr. Ulrich Noack in Western Germany aiming at neutralising Germany "like Switzerland" has aroused considerable interest in the Austrian Press.

But Dr. Noack's suggestion that Austria should be included in the "neutral zone" is meeting with strong opposition from the Austrian right wing Press.

Issuing a warning against "quintlings who betray their country to a foreign Power and foreign ideology," the People's Party organ "Wiener Tageszeitung" claimed that Dr. Herbert Kraus' Independents had established contacts with Dr. Ulrich Noack's "Nauheimer Kreis" (Nauheim Circle).

It was Dr. Noack, the paper said, who established relations with the Norwegian Nazis and initiated the movement whose leader later became Quisling. "Is Dr. Noack's interest in the neutralisation movement another attempt to find quinquings for his ideology in a foreign country?" the paper asked.

A less serious view of the activities of the movement is taken by the non-party "Südburger Nachrichten," which published an exclusive interview given to their correspondent by Dr. Noack during the recent "Deutschland Congress" of the Nauheim Circle at Bensdorf in the Pfalz district.

"From the beginning, our neutralisation plan has included Austria, Finland and possibly Sweden besides Switzerland and Germany," Dr. Noack is quoted as saying. "There is no hot position for a country in Austria's geographical situation than a safe, neutral existence between the Great Powers," he said.

### QUIRINO TO FLY TO U.S.

Manila, January 6.  
President Quirino, with 18 companions, including members of his family, the Finance Secretary, Pio Pedrosa, and other officials, will leave for the United States at 11 a.m. tomorrow aboard the Philippine Air Lines DC-6 "Mindoro".

Mr. Quirino will enter Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for the removal of a stone in the kidney. He is likely to hold conferences with American officials on certain aspects of Philippine-American relations.

FAL announced that the Mindoro would carry a crew of 11, including three captains. The flight will be via Guam, Wake, Honolulu and San Francisco to New York.

Otis Bryan, PAL Vice-President, is going on the trip as official co-ordinator of the flight.—United Press.

### ITALIAN STRIKE IN REVERSE

Carrara, January 5.  
Police here today ended a "strike in reverse" by ordering builders, formerly unemployed, to stop work that they had started without permission.

The builders on Tuesday had begun work on public buildings in Carrara for which long-sought Government permission had not yet been granted.—Reuter.

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As invasion jitters began to develop on this stronghold of Nationalist China, the Provincial Government today ordered an island-wide dim-out.

The orders were accompanied by instructions to the inhabitants to be on the alert for a complete black-out, should that be deemed necessary.

Anti-aircraft searchlights

swept the skies.  
Public buildings, hotels, restaurants, stores and shops were ordered to curtain windows and reduce inside illumination.

Despite these precautions however, as far as it could be learned, there is no acute threat to the island, no new crisis, and little reason to fear imminent air raids from the Chinese Communists.

The dim-out police stated that the measure was "purely precautionary."

Street lights were dimmed and some cut off, but otherwise there was little general response to the dim-out on the first night it was effective.

The Authorities said they would enforce full obedience as soon as the order had been generally circulated.  
Meanwhile, it was reliably reported that General Cheng Chen has submitted his resignation as South East China Military and Political Commissioner, as a first step in the re-organisation of the military branches of the Government.

### Ministry's job

The abolition of the South East command as an operational unit, and placing of the defence of Hainan and Taiwan directly in the hands of the Ministry of National Defence, is said to be the chief object of the re-organisation.

Premier Yen Hsi-shan's office admitted that Cheng Chen has handed in his resignation, but said no action has been taken by the Cabinet.

General Cheng, according to reliable sources, told associates he is resigning because the functions of the South East command duplicated those of the Ministry of National Defence.  
However, there were other reports that General Cheng will not be left out of the picture. He may get the post of National Defence Minister, held at present by the Premier.

### Hainan situation

The Cabinet is also expected to clarify the Hainan situation of which Premier Yen Hsi-shan has now taken command.

The former Kwangtung Governor, Hsueh Yueh, is supposed to command Hainan, but this is said to be unsatisfactory to other military commanders such as

Liang Chi, Yu Hsu-mou and Pal Chung-hai, all of whom have some of their troops on Hainan. General Hsueh Yueh is reported to have sent an urgent request to Taipei for immediate clarification to permit co-ordination and unification as Red assaults are expected any hour.—United Press.

### BRITISH LOAN TO JORDAN

Amman, January 5.

A third of the £1,000,000 interest-free British loan to Jordan will be spent on road construction and £135,000 will help to provide housing for refugees.

The Minister of Communications, Musa Naser, said that a further £75,000 will be used for agricultural research. These projects are starting immediately.

Mr. Naser thinks that of the \$28 million allocated by the United States for public works in the Middle East, Jordan and Arab Palestine will absorb \$21 million.

The United Nations approved a total of \$54 million for short-term projects recommended by the Economic Survey Commission to the Middle East and the \$28 million balance will provide continued relief during the next 18 months.—Reuter.

### RUHR'S RETURN DEMANDED

Berlin, January 5.

The East German Communist Government today demanded that the Ruhr be returned to Germany and promised Soviet support for German control of the internationalised industrial area.

The executive board of the Communist-controlled Socialist Unity Party, in a message signed by President Wilhelm Pieck and Premier Otto Grotewohl, demanded the abolition of the Allied Ruhr statute.

The message is regarded as the latest step in a reported campaign to gain control of all Germany through the so-called "National Front" Organisation.—United Press.

### Madame Chiang returning to Taiwan

Washington, January 5.  
Joseph Ku, Press spokesman of the Chinese Embassy, said today he has been informed that Madame Chiang Kai-shek is preparing to return to Taiwan.

Mr. Ku said no date for her departure has been set and Madame Chiang is still in New York City.—United Press.

### PURGE OF CZECH REDS

Frankfurt, January 5.

M. Bohumil Lausman, former Czech Minister of Industry, who recently fled to West Germany, said today that the Czech Communist Party is being purged of Titoist and deviationist elements.

At a press conference at Bad Homburg, near here, M. Lausman said that many Communists are already in prison and many others will follow.

He thinks that eventually the Czech Foreign Minister, M. Vladimír Clementis, will fall victim to the purging wave. He believes, however, that M. Clementis will not be immediately removed, since he has many sympathisers among the Slovaks.

"But I believe that some day he will. He has a Western past."

M. Lausman, former chairman of the Czech Social Democratic Party, became Deputy Prime Minister in the Gottwald Cabinet in February, 1940, and withdrew from political life later that year. Asked whether an organised anti-Communist underground movement exists in Czechoslovakia, M. Lausman said, "No, only sporadic uprisings of active resistance."

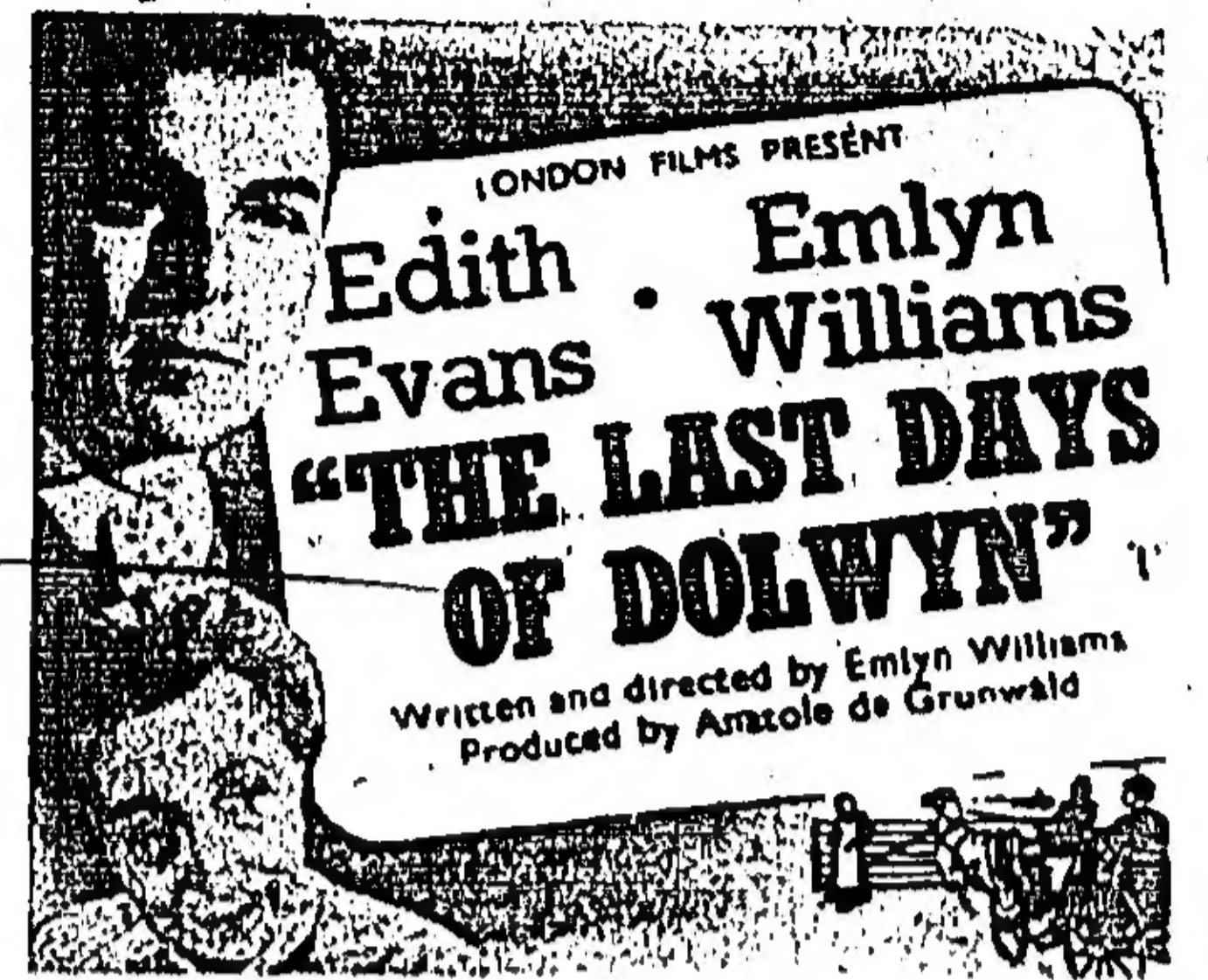
He said that the great majority of Czech Communists disagree with the actions of the Party. Many Czechs are waiting for war, hoping that it will bring them freedom.

"The freedom of the Czechs is being taken away step by step. The country is not independent any more," he added.—Reuter.

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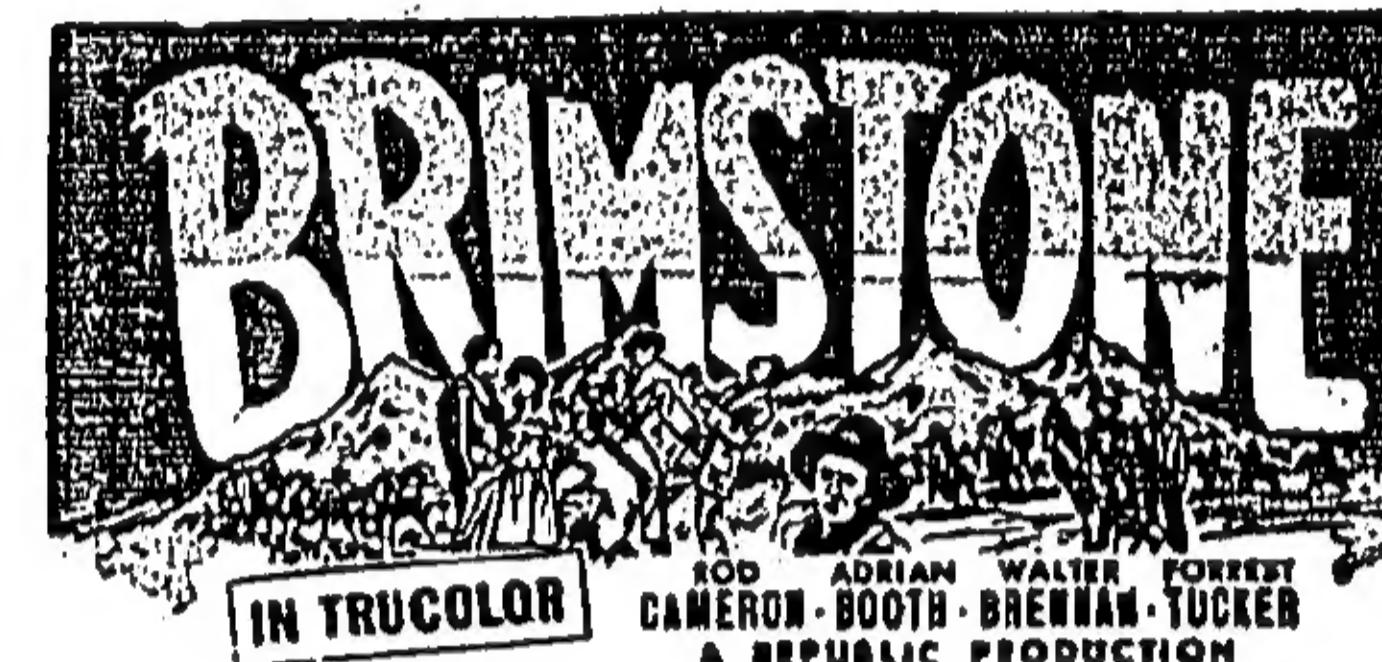
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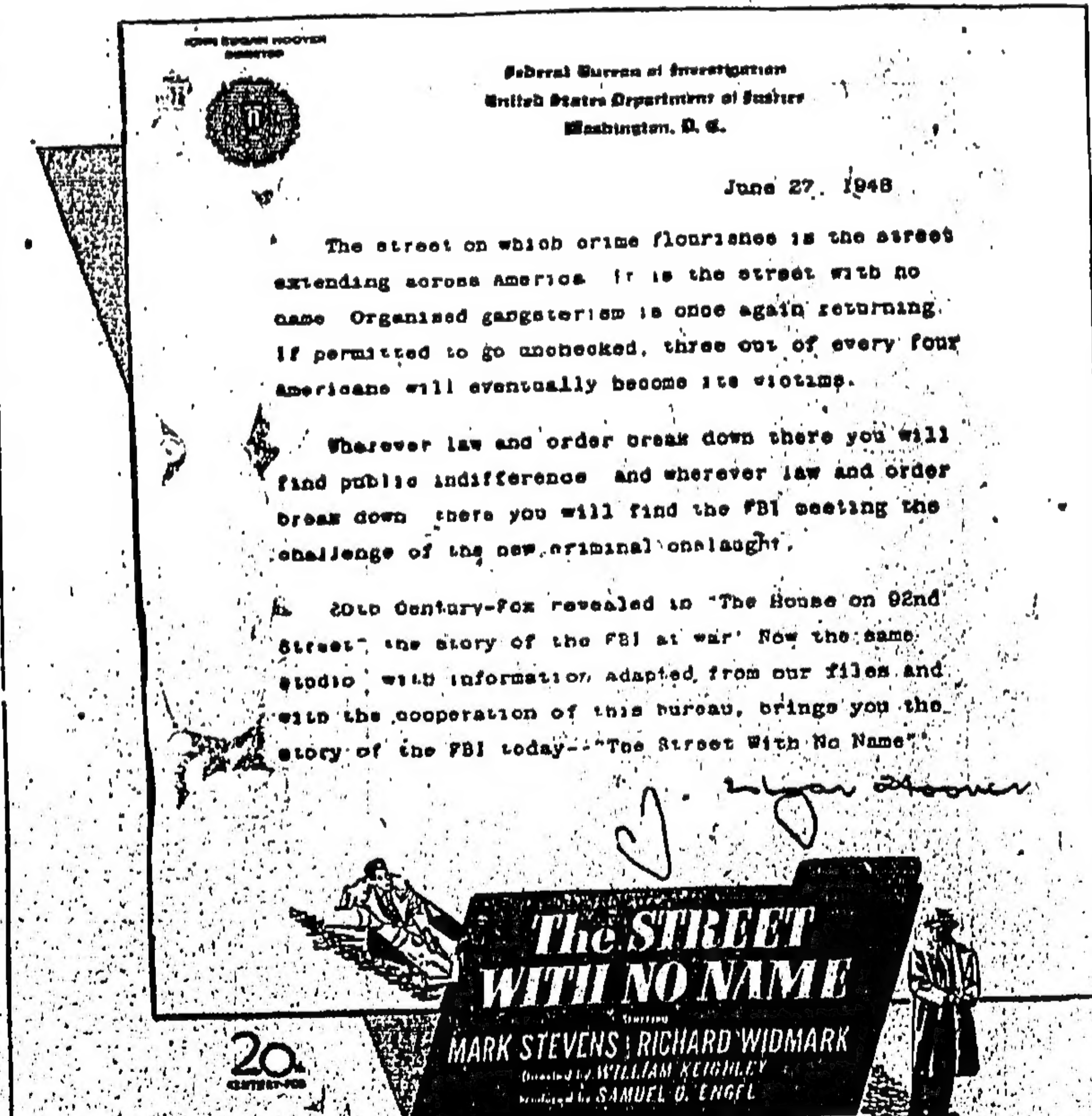
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## MOTURING NEWS AND VIEWS



The popular Vauxhall Velox, the "big little" car which has proven itself to be an ideal car for Hong Kong. The 1950 model (above) continues to carry the same features as last year's model, with the exception of minor alterations.—"China Mail" photo.

### Lively Vauxhall continues popular models this year

By Our Motoring Editor

Vauxhall, which entered the field of "big little" cars with two models last year, have found their Velox and Wyvern models so successful that they have carried them over this year with only minor alterations.

The 1950 Velox, which was tested by the "China Mail" recently, once again proves that the post-war Vauxhall is a lively and compact car, giving in addition the motorist the maximum in comfort.

The car also proved remarkable for its quiet running, and the only important modification for 1950 is the provision of a new steering gear which is intended to combine these qualities with greater precision of handling, particularly at higher speeds.

Another detailed improvement which reduces friction and increases the life of the steering gear is the provision of single ball bearings in the steering yokes.

The weight of the car is supported on a ball and socket below each king pin. Each ball is surrounded with oil and improved seals are provided to retain lubrication and exclude dirt and moisture.

It is claimed that these refinements reduce friction by about 75 per cent and considerably improve control in cross winds, besides giving a lighter and more positive touch to the steering.

The latest models have head lamps one inch larger in diameter than the old ones, and separate parking lamps are now set flush in the wings below the head lamps. On the cars produced for some months past the rear appearance has been changed by moving the number plate to a new bracket on the lid of the luggage locker, where it is separately illuminated, and by the provision of flush-mounted tail lamps nearer to the wings.

This allows greater flexibility to accommodate the various number plates used in foreign countries and indicates car width at night.

The most obvious change in the appearance of the latest Vauxhalls comes from the adoption of a new and attractive type of cellulose finish known as Metallchrome, which appears for the first time on a quantity-produced car.

This extraordinary finish has something of the quality of shot silk in that the colour appears to vary with the light and the angle from which it is viewed.

The grey, for example, seems to vary from grey to silver, and in

#### COUNTERACTING VIBRATION

Designed to give controlled flexibility with a view to eliminating transmission vibration, which on certain cars causes gearbox noise and harsh movement at particular points in the speed range, the K-type Don-Flex clutch disc was introduced by Small and Parkes, Ltd., Henham Vale Works, Manchester, in last year.

Since then considerable experience has been obtained of the performance of this design when in users' hands, and particularly satisfactory reports have been received regarding units employed under most strenuous conditions by trials drivers.

The K-type, of course, does not necessarily offer any advantage where the transmission is already invariably smooth in operation.

In the K-type a Dunlop-Macbeth flexible centre is employed. By this means the drive is transmitted through a uniformly stressed rubber ring.

The plate which carries the clutch facings is designed to incorporate six hairpin-type steel springs which are placed between the friction linings so as to assist in smooth engagement; the linings are fixed either by rivets or by cork inserts.

The design provides for a star plate which would operate as an emergency drive if necessary, and this feature is also a factor in friction damping.

### Canadian order for Nuffield

Nuffield Exports Limited have received a cable from their Sales Director, Donald Harrison, stating "Canadian Distributors have placed orders for 7,500 Morris, Riley and M. G. to value of £2¼ million—steering approximately, and urge favourable delivery."

This is the biggest ever single order received from a dollar area by the Nuffield Organisation, and represents nearly 6,750,000 dollars at the current rate of exchange.

An official of Nuffield Exports Limited said in an interview: "Mr. Harrison is visiting the United States and Canada on a fact finding tour, following devaluation, in order to assess dollar business for 1950 as far as Nuffield vehicles are concerned."

"The request for favourable delivery means that our Shipping Department has to phase deliveries during what is actually the closed season when the St. Lawrence is frozen. This lasts approximately from November until the latter part of April. Shipping space is therefore being booked to St. John, New Brunswick, from where there is a much longer rail haul to Toronto and Winnipeg than by direct delivery to Montreal."

"The tonnage of shipping space involved will mean utilising Canadian shipping services operating from London, Liverpool, Manchester, Hull and Avonmouth."

"We shall start shipping at the rate of about 150 vehicles per week this month, working up to a maximum of 300 per week in order to clear the order."

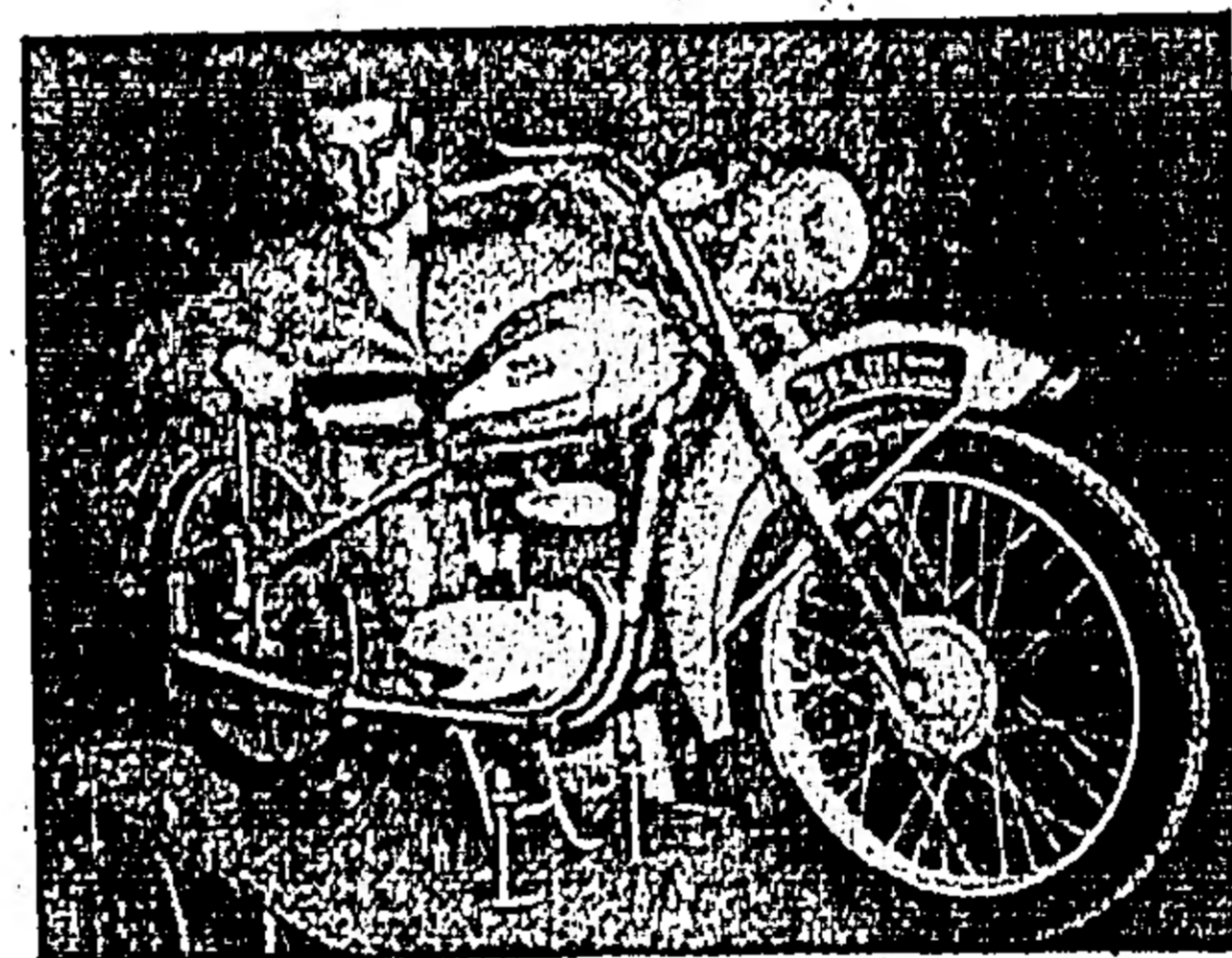
#### ROVER PROFITS

A final dividend of five per cent and a bonus of five per cent both less tax, are recommended by the directors of the Rover Co., Ltd.

This, with the interim dividend of 10 per cent already paid, makes a total distribution for the year of 20 per cent, the same as last year.

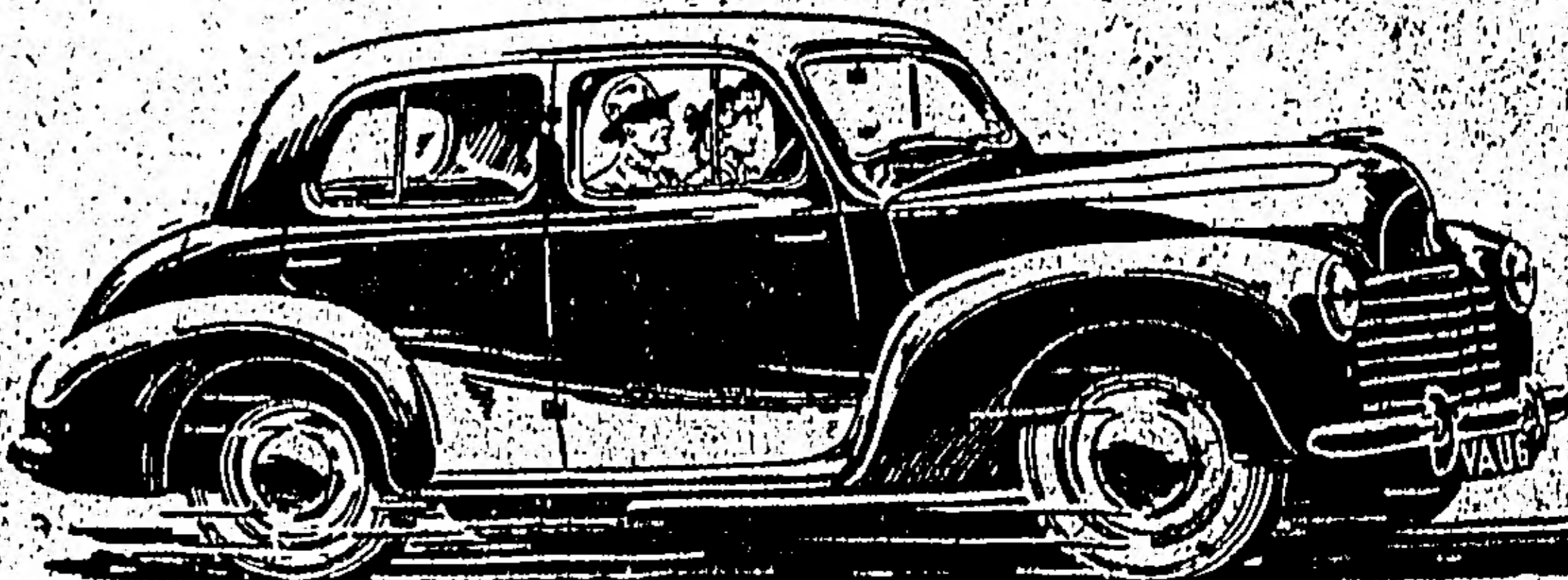
The net profit, less provision for taxation, for the year ended July 30, 1949, amounted to £158,000, an increase of £25,800 over the previous year.

### New lightweight motor cycle



A new lightweight motor cycle produced by the British Small Arms (BSA) Company, and exhibited at the recent Cycle and Motor Cycle Show at Earle Court, London. This motorcycle, "The Bantam," has a 125 c.c. two-stroke, three-speed engine, does 130 to 140 miles per gallon and has a maximum speed of 45 m.p.h. It has a spring frame, telescopic front forks, a petrol tank holding 15½ gallons, and Lucas lighting.

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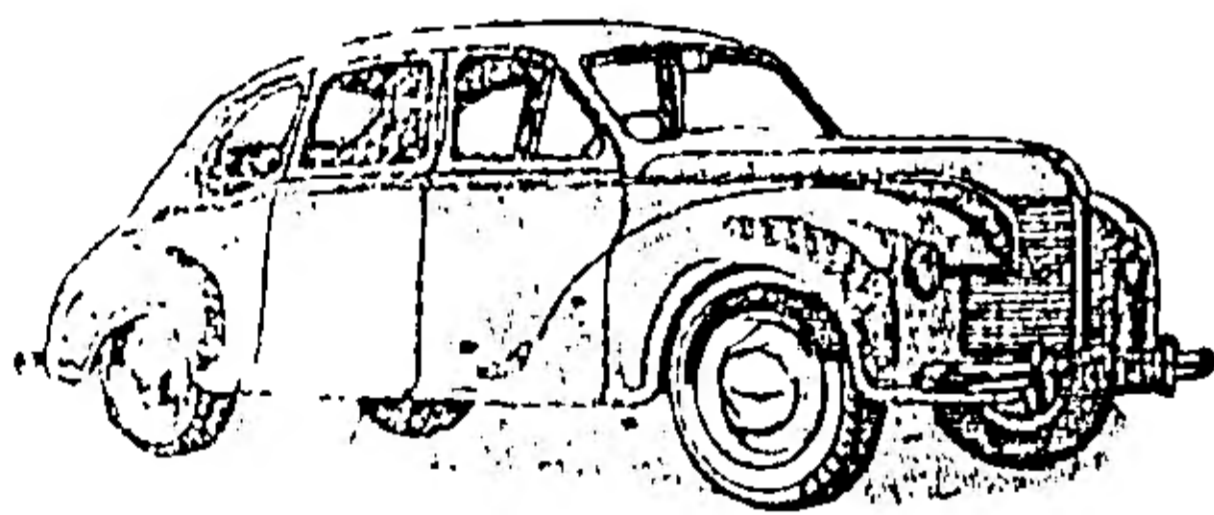
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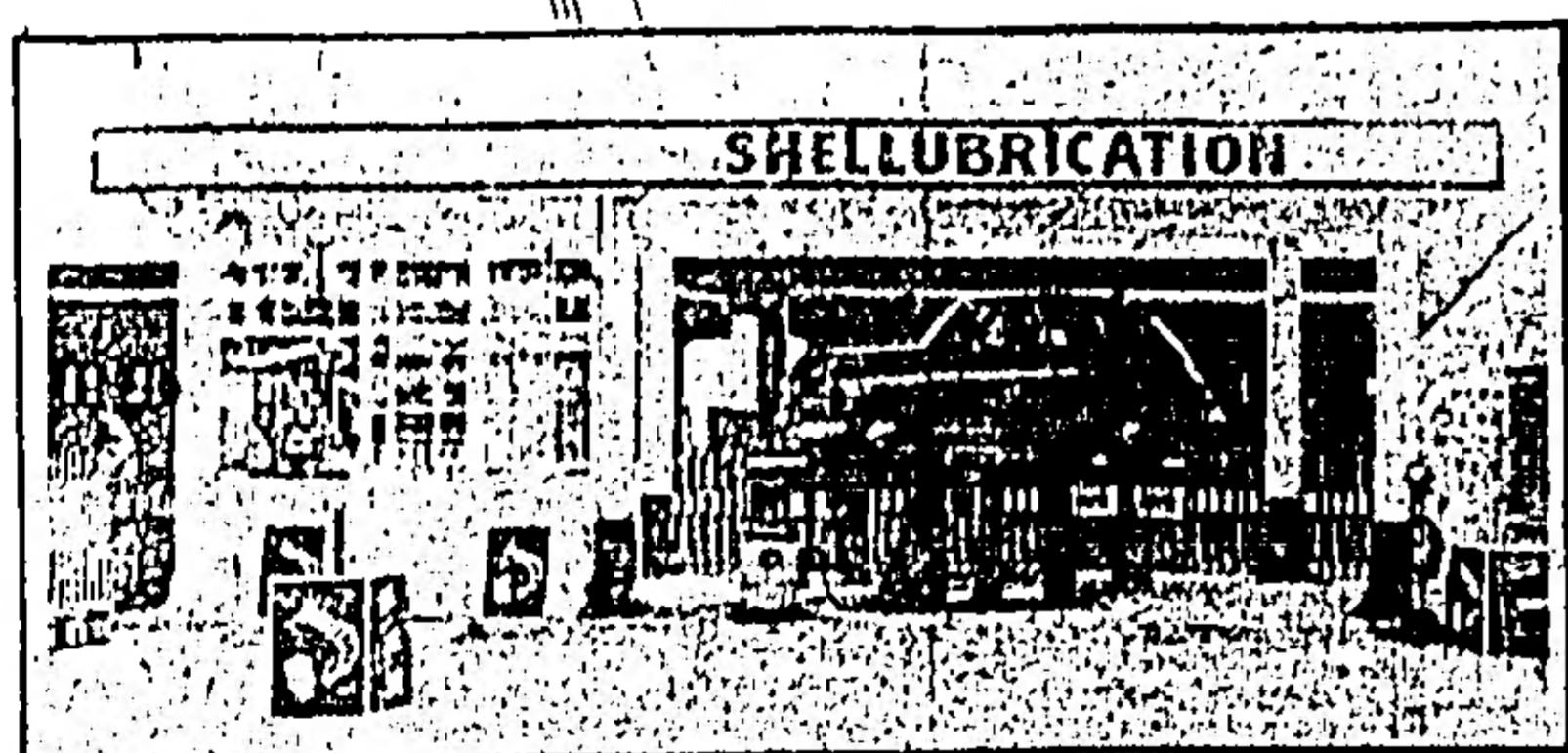
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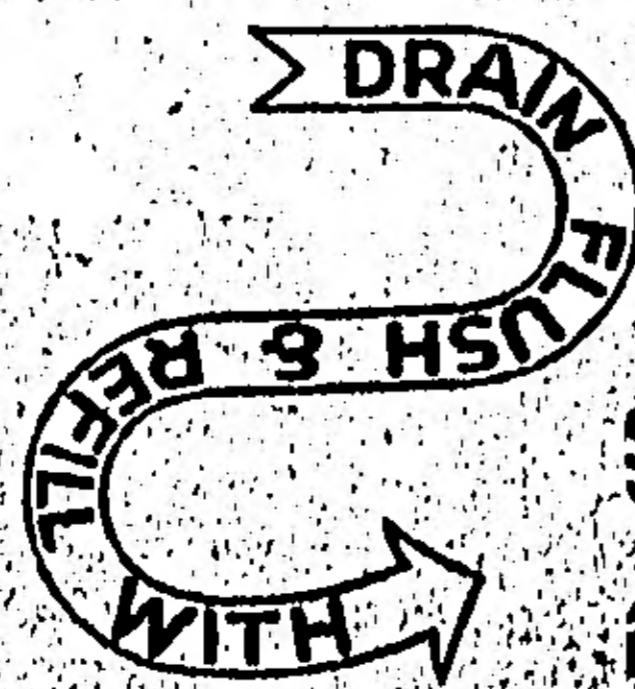


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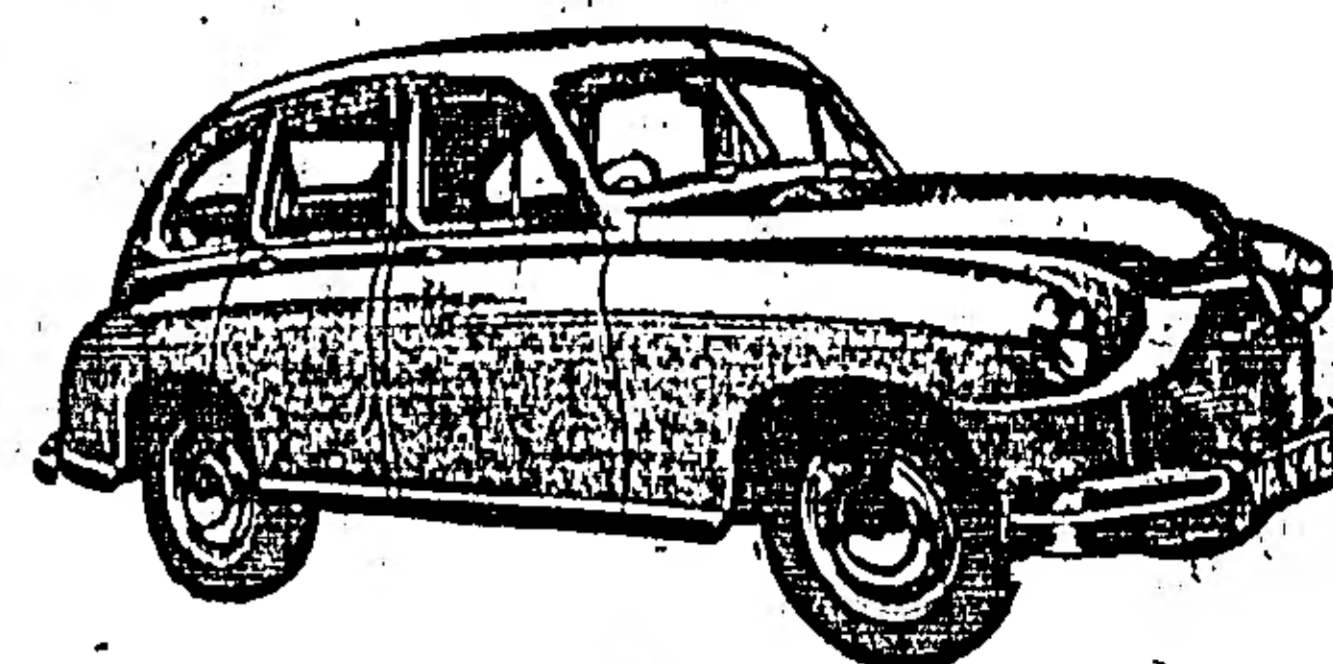
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## Internal threat to Communist party in China

Neutral political observers are of the opinion that one of the gravest threats during the next few years to the Communist programme of creating a totalitarian China may come from within the Communist Party itself.

This threat is diversionism, which has already cropped up among the rank and file of the party and army. The existence of liberalism, democratic individualism, nationalistic patriotism and laxity in party and army discipline has been openly admitted by Communist newspapers.

"Incorrect" implementation of policies on the part of Communist administrative officials and a relaxation in the revolutionary spirit crystallised in the sentiment of "now that we have got it let's take it easy" have been reported.

In contradistinction to departure from the "party line" there is also what Communist leaders describe as "ultra-Leftist" tendencies in adhering to the "party line," endangering the many diverse measures which the Communist high command are adopting to achieve their end of totalitarianism.

Especially distasteful to the "ultra-Leftists" are the Communist devious policies of "co-operation" with the so-called democratic parties and personages in which these parties, and personages are given a share in the new political power and treated like "Royal guests" in Peking.

2. The policy of permitting private business and industries in the urban areas.

**Dislike of newcomers**  
One of the results of these policies is that many Communists who went through years of hardship and danger in the revolutionary struggle found themselves being asked to continue to bear hardships and danger with men who had not made any active contribution towards the revolution and were ideologically against the revolution and given high official positions and a comfortable life.

This gave rise to the popular complaint among the "ultra-Leftists" that "To be an old revolutionary is not as good as to be a new revolutionary. And to be a new revolutionary is not as good as to be a non-revolutionary."

This dislike of the new revolutionaries is evidenced in the action of lower-ranking Communist officials in adopting a "closed door" policy in the admission of members to the New Democratic Youth Corps which, according to regulations laid down by the Communist high command, open to youths of all creeds for indoctrination as potential members of the Communist Party.

In addition, there are signs of divergent sentiments on several basic political issues. For instance, one Communist member told this correspondent in a private conversation that new China would fight all imperialism including Soviet Russia if she is found to be also imperialistic. Such a sentiment of doubt about Soviet Russia is a taboo in the eyes of the doctrinaire Communists whose conviction is that Soviet Russia cannot be imperialistic.

Another instance is the belief of a high ranking Communist official in Nanking that the United States policy of the new government is merely a "propaganda stunt" and not an unchangeable state policy. In a conversation with a friend of this correspondent the official advised him to tell his American friends not to worry about the "propaganda stunt."

**Rival cliques**  
There are also signs of cliquism in the office. These signs are most evident in the East China area, where for several months General Chen Yi's Third Field Army and Liu Po-cheng's Second Field Army exercised joint control. There were known cases of wrestling for technical personnel between the two field army commands and also cases of wrestling for power between army commander Chen Yi's men and his political commissar Jap Shu-shih's men, and between the

"technical men" faction and "political men" faction in Shanghai. Diversionism as yet is still confined to the minority of the Communist rank and file but it is spreading and apparently is regarded with concern by the Communist high command.

Many Communist commanders, including Mao Tse-tung, Liu Po-cheng and Lin Biao, had on several occasions publicly reprimanded the diversionists. In Nanking a party meeting was held last September to conduct a purge of thought and strengthen organisational discipline.

The majority of Communist members are, it is generally conceded by neutral observers, still conscientious and loyal revolutionaries. There is an universal pride for their devotion to their revolutionary cause and ideals and their spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice.

**Health affected**

Their capacity for "enduring hardships" is also considerably exemplified. The average Communist camp (staff) workers work from 10 to 14 hours a day. He is given lodging, food and clothing of the lowest grade and a part of the equivalent of two packets of native cigarettes a month for pocket money. If he is married, his wife has to work to support herself.

The strain of overwork and hard living conditions over a number of years has, however, telling effects on the health of the Communists.

According to one Nanking doctor who has given a temporary appointment in the medical corps, tuberculosis, neuritis and night blindness all due to undernourishment and over-exertion are the most common diseases in the Liberation Army.

For the purpose of maintaining the spiritual morale of individual workers, tuberculosis is recorded as bronchitis in one Communist organisation in Nanking.—United Press.

## Resignation of Greek leaders

Athens, January 5.

Greece's Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant-General George Cosmas, resigned tonight in support of Field Marshal Alexander Papagos, the Commander-in-Chief, whose resignation earlier today precipitated a Government crisis.

The Prime Minister, M. Alexander Diomedes, handed the resignation of his six-months' old Cabinet to King Paul when two of his Ministers resigned after Field Marshal Papagos announced his decision.

Field Marshal Papagos, who led the Greek contingent at Britain's Victory Parade of 1946, resigned suddenly because of remarks in a speech yesterday by the Populist Deputy Premier, M. Constantin Tsaldaris.

The War Minister, M. Panayotis Carellis, a Populist, and the Deputy Premier, M. Sophocles Venizelos, a Liberal, followed suit.

M. Venizelos has suggested to the Prime Minister that he advise King Paul to speed up the general elections, due next April, to avoid agitation which might have jeopardised the recovery effort.

M. Venizelos said he thought a 45-day pre-electoral campaign would be enough. If his suggestion is accepted by the King,

The wonderful windfall from Australia has won American approval for all the British. We are being smiled upon and winked at. Christmas carols are being crooned in our special direction.

If the Americans had master-minded the free-enterprise campaign themselves they could hardly be happier, and any minute now they expect Robert Menzies to be revealed as part-American himself, having a New York belle for mother and a rock-ribbed Yankee as grandfather.

The U.S. never reluctant to claim credit for anything worthwhile, is convincing itself that it played some part in ejecting the Labour Government and returning Mr. Menzies to power.

I am pleased and astonished at the enormous American interest in the Australian election. It was a front-page story right across the country and today is the subject of hundreds of editorials.

### Out of hand

There is even a naive belief that once Britain's Socialists follow New Zealand's and Australia's into the discard the dollar problem will solve itself, prosperity will abound, and there will be limitless steaks, beer, cigarettes, petrol, and pensions for all English-speaking people.

This American enthusiasm is a bit out of hand. Already some big firms here have plunged deep into the election campaign under the mistaken impression that they have some claim in our affairs.

There are whole-page advertisements in newspapers and magazines headed "You can't eat hate" and saying "The Socialists in England plot over their success in destroying the rich," and worse.

This unsought advice and abuse could boomerang and help rather than handicap Britain's Labour Party. And a lot of space and attention is being given to visiting Tories with extreme views, who do the Conservatives more harm than good.

For instance, Mr. Cecil Palmer, described as an English writer and publisher, has been headlined as saying here: "Four years of Socialisation have left the British frustrated, regimented, undernourished, deprived, and per-

## DON IDDON'S DIARY

### U.S. interest in elections

#### Compensation for blockade runners

Taipei, January 6.  
The Chinese Communists have promised to reimburse shipping lines if their vessels are damaged in running the Nationalist blockade of Communist-held ports, according to well-informed sources here.

These sources said the owners of the American ship, Flying Arrow, have been assured by the Communist that they would assume responsibility for damage to the vessel, or any injuries to crew.

A Chinese ship, which was shelled by the Nationalists, was paid compensation by the Communists, according to these sources.—Houder.

hops, the most miserable people on earth."

Who is Cecil Palmer? And what sort of man is he to run his own country and people down before an American audience? He is a most miserable spokesman to send here. He does himself, his party, and his country disservice by this walling and weeping out of school.

Peace and good will have been lacking from the American scene this week, although we are all hung heavy with holly and mistletoe.

There has been another absurd scare over the atom bomb. In an outbreak of hysteria, deliberately whipped up by radio commentators Fulton Lewis Junior (with emphasis on the Junior), the late Harry Hopkins has been smeared as a tool of the Russians, who handed over atom bomb secrets to the Kremlin.

#### Bad business

The charges have been investigated and proved groundless. First a dead man is smeared and then he is cleared. It has been a bad business and lot of people should feel ashamed.

The clearing of Hopkins's name has put more spirit into the Liberals. At last there is a mutiny against J. Edgar Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Thought Police.

For months young G-men have been quizzing and querying taxpayers on their own and their employees' political beliefs, reading habits, political companionship, likes and dislikes.

I have had agents call on me and ask whether an office girl I employed in the Daily Mail office read Karl Marx and expressed subversive views.

#### Public roused

When I asked what all this was to do with the G-men he said: "The girl has applied for a job as a Post Office clerk—all Government servants have to be investigated."

This nonsense has finally infuriated large sections of the population, who believe it is their own business what books they read, which people they meet, or what cocktails they drink.

I treated New York's water shortage jokingly last week, but it is no joke now. The shortage is approaching crisis. All building and car-washing is banned, and there will be a test this week during which everyone will be asked not to use water for any purpose at all for three to six hours.

The city is in danger, and if this drain on the water supplies continues there could be difficulty in handling a big fire.

There are prayers in churches: "Give us this day our daily bread—and water." Tens of thousands of water warriors have been mobilised to prevent waste.

#### Crime increase

Another menace facing New York is the greatly increased

number of crimes in the Under-ground railways.

There have been so many stabbings, shuggings, and cases of robbery and assault that the subway police force has been doubled.

Crime has increased by 69 per cent. since 1939 and hundreds of thousands of petitions are being pushed under doors demanding action from the mayor, William O'Dwyer.

The mayor, recovering gradually from a nervous and physical collapse, promises action. The proposal to increase his salary from 25,000 to 40,000 dollars a year has been resolved critically by the newspapers, but warmly by the public.

Heard around town: The latest evening fashions make every woman look like a lady—Lady Godiva.

Senators recently returned from Europe say their trips have made a hole in their expenses. There has been very little profit in them for the country, either.

Shirkers should remember that liberty can perish from erosion as well as from sudden earthquake.

I went to the farewell lunch for David Webster, of the Covent Garden Opera Trust, this week. We were there to do honour to Mr. Webster for the great triumph of the Sander's Wells Ballet here.

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The British comedy "Clutterbuck," an unashamed sex farce which explores the intimacies of illicit love, is delighting New York. Benn Levy should make a lot of dollars.

The play is particularly welcome, as Broadway is cluttered with serious messages, social satires, and tear-jerkers.

Footnote. The latest score from Australia—two down and one to go.

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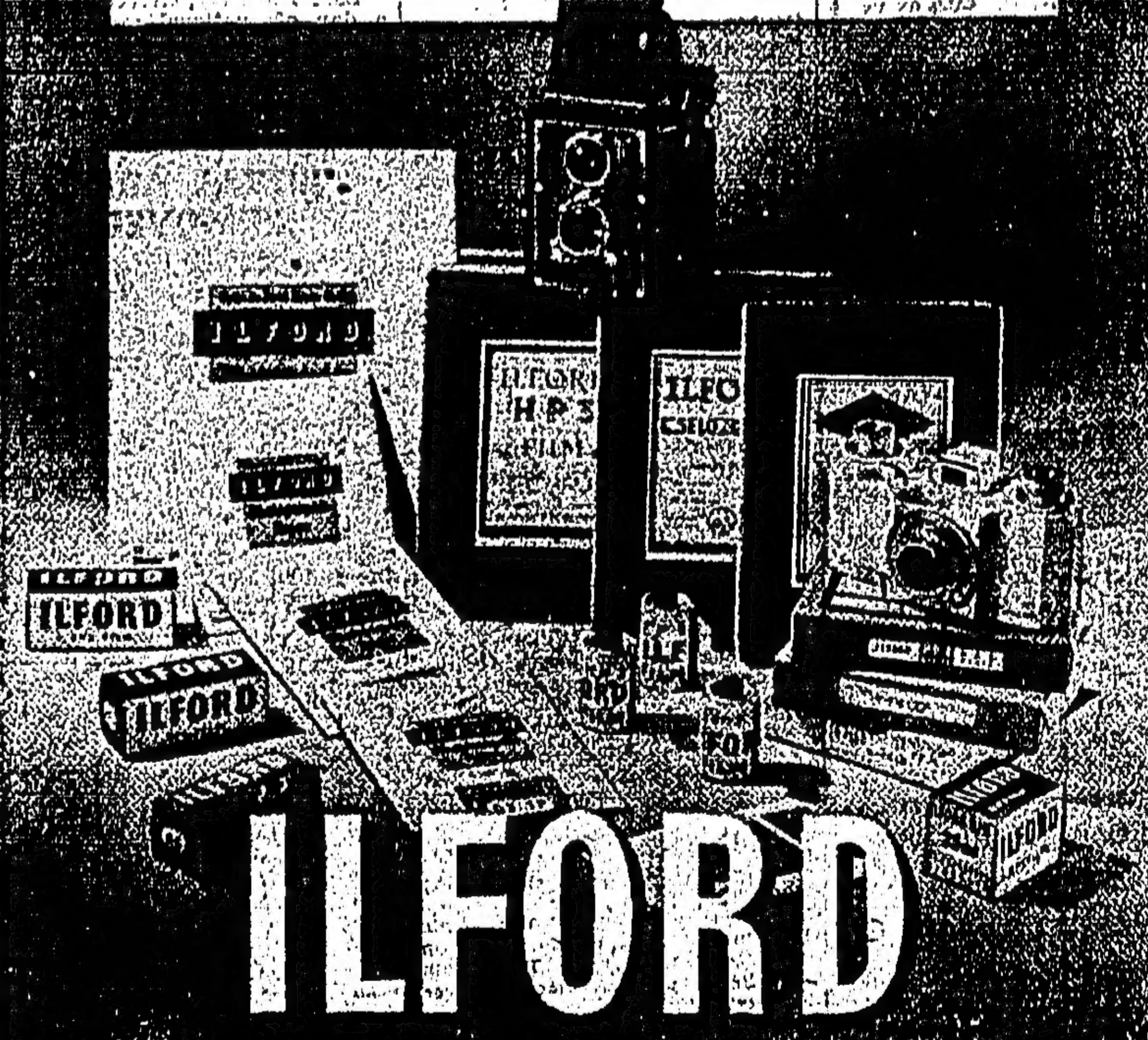
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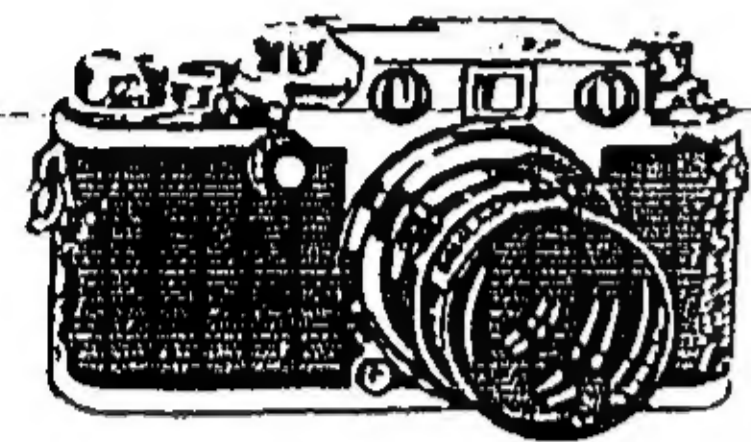
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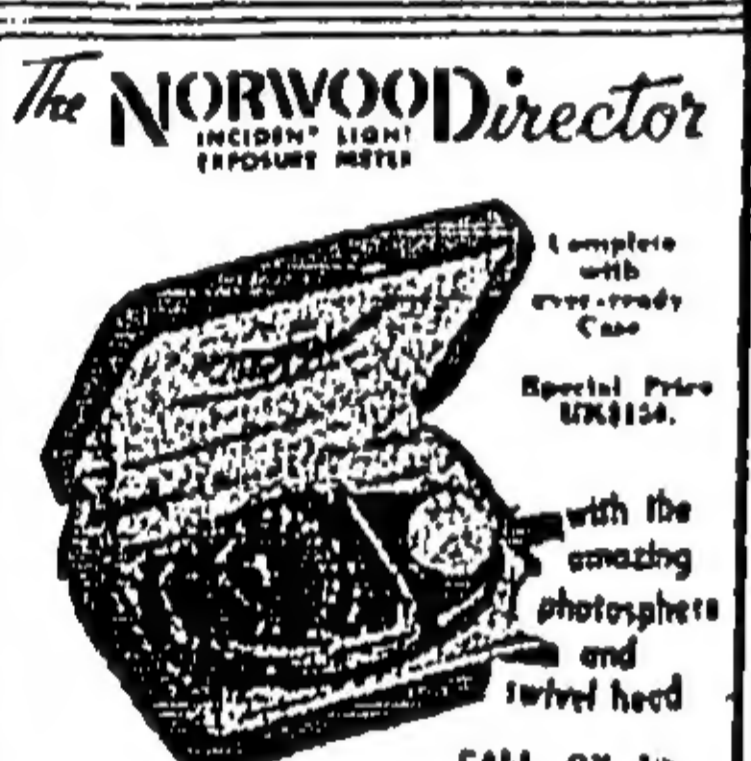


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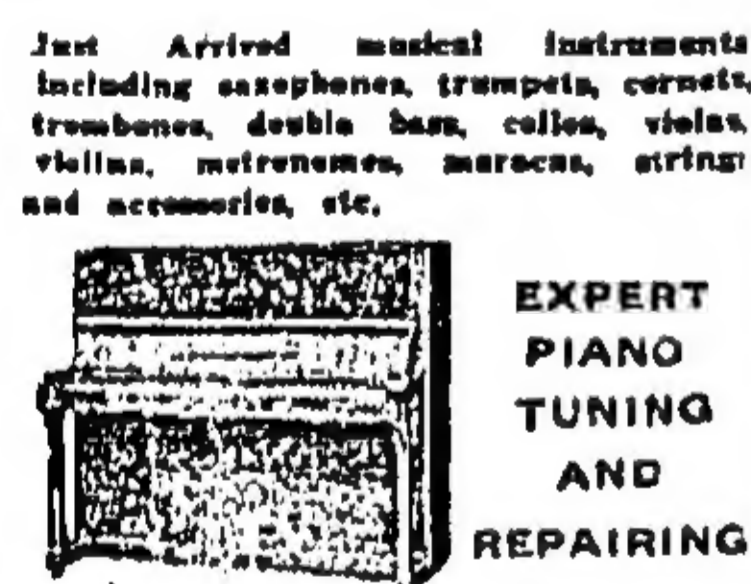
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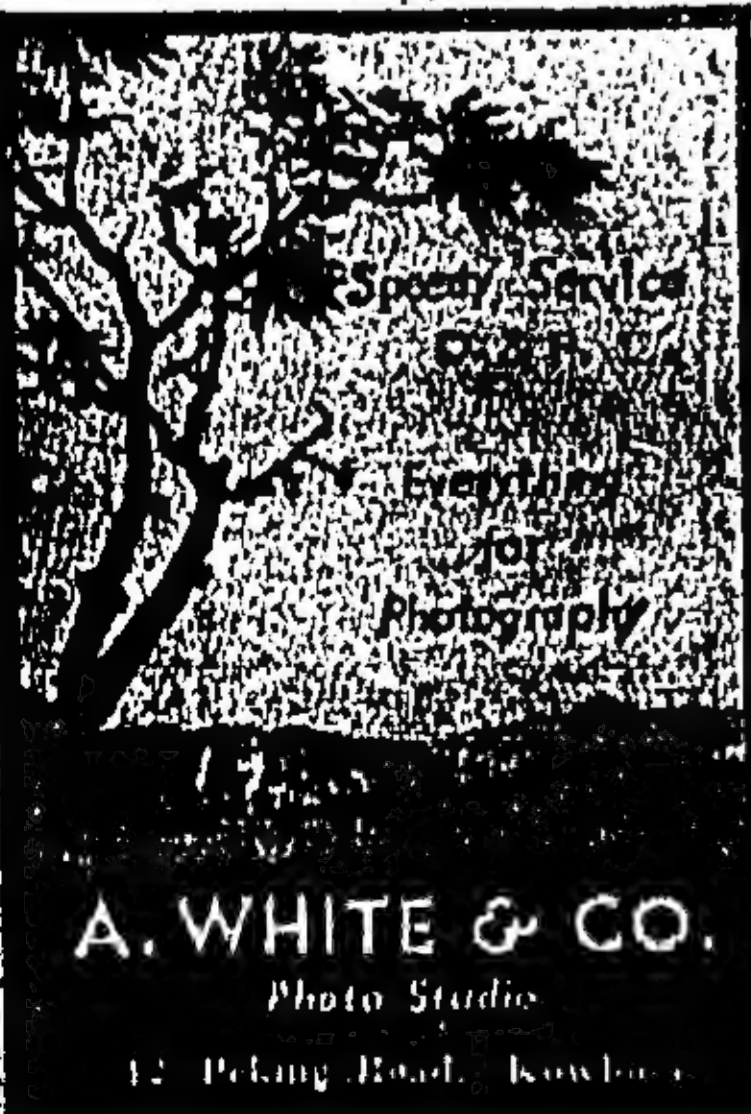


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## Americans missing in Philippines

Manila, January 6.  
Press reports from Baguio  
said today that two Amer-  
ican professors at the Uni-  
versity of the Philippines have  
been missing since December  
21, when they set out on a  
hiking expedition into the in-  
terior of the mountain pro-  
vince.

The two men are Marvin  
Pittman, geography professor,  
and Robert Conklin, Fulbright  
scholar, who arrived in the  
Philippines last July.—Unit-  
ed Press.

## Good thing Japan lost the war

New York, January 6.  
Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, President  
of the International Christian  
University in Japan, told a  
luncheon group today that it  
was a good thing Japan was  
defeated in the war because it  
gave Japan an opportunity for  
self-researching and to seek a  
new cultural basis for life.

Dr. Yuasa, who takes over offi-  
cially in April, said the new Uni-  
versity would stress the cultural  
aspect and emphasize education,  
government and social service in  
preparing leaders for the Japan  
of tomorrow and enable that  
country to take its rightful place  
among the democracies.

Some 200 persons attended the  
luncheon, including the former  
U.S. Ambassador to Tokyo, Joseph  
Grew, national chairman of the  
fund-raising organization, who  
said "Young men and women in  
Japan today are at the crossroads  
— on one hand the great oppor-  
tunity of accepting democracy, its  
shortcomings and its assets, and  
on the other hand the attraction  
of the Communists, who offer to  
solve all problems at the price of  
freedom. That is the challenge."  
—United Press.

## KING'S MESSAGE TO GREECE

Athens, January 5.  
King George of Britain has  
sent a message to the Greek  
Government expressing his  
deepest sympathy for the Greek  
people and suffering of the re-  
moval of thousands of her children  
from their homes and their  
country.

This was revealed today when  
Sir Clifford Norton, the British  
Ambassador, notified Archbishop  
Spyridon that the King had duly  
received his telegram of appre-  
ciation, and that the contents had  
been brought to the knowledge  
of His Majesty's Government in  
the United Kingdom and the  
Governments in the other Com-  
monwealth countries.

Last Thursday, Greece observed  
a day of national mourning at  
a protest against the abduction of  
28,000 Greek children by Com-  
munist guerrillas who took them  
to countries in Eastern Europe.—  
Associated Press.

## ROYAL ARMS REMOVED

New Delhi, January 5.  
The Royal Coat of Arms, which  
symbolized British authority in  
India, has been removed from  
the canopy of the Speaker's chair in  
the Indian Parliament's Council  
Chamber.

The Royal Crest engraved in  
marble on the walls of the  
Princes' Chamber, now housing  
the Indian Federal Court, has  
also been removed.

The 500-pounds bronze Royal  
Crown which capped the dome of  
the Indian Parliament buildings  
was removed a few weeks ago.  
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# AMERICA MAY MANUFACTURE SUPER-BOMBS OF HYDROGEN

Washington, January 5.  
President Truman today refused to confirm or deny  
published assertions that he is studying the  
feasibility of a vast project to manufacture  
super atomic bombs made of hydrogen.  
He also said at his news conference that he has  
received no advance information that Russia  
plans to set off another atomic explosion at  
midnight on Saturday.

He made this statement when  
questioned about a London re-  
port that another Soviet atom  
bomb blast is imminent.

The super-bomb project was  
brought up by a reporter who  
asked the President for comment  
on an editorial published on Wed-  
nesday by the "Washington Post."  
The paper said that Mr. Tru-  
man's advisers have presented him  
with data on a hydrogen bomb,  
and have asked him to decide  
whether to recommend that the  
United States try to manufacture  
it.

The newspaper said the Presi-  
dent will decide one way or the  
other before February 15, when  
David Lillenthal returns as Chair-  
man of the Atomic Energy Com-  
mission. Mr. Lillenthal wanted to  
leave on December 31, but the  
President asked him to stay on for  
another month and a half. To  
questions about the "Washington  
Post" editorial the President said  
only that he had no comment to  
make.

The super-bomb, which has  
been described by scientists as  
a theoretical possibility, would  
employ a nuclear reaction using  
hydrogen, the atomic "fuel" of  
the sun and stars.

Two months ago Democratic  
Senator Edwin Johnson said the  
United States is making progress  
toward the development of an  
atomic bomb 1,000 times more  
powerful than the uranium-plu-  
tonium bombs now being manu-  
factured by the United States and  
the USSR.

## Theoretically possible

Senator Johnson's statement  
has received no official con-  
firmation, although scientists  
have said that the hydrogen  
super-bomb is possible—at  
least on paper. They have said  
that it would take an effort  
comparable to the present  
atomic project, to test whether  
the super-bomb is technically  
feasible.

Concerning the London story  
about a new Soviet atomic blast,  
the reporter noted that Mr. Tru-  
man had previously announced  
last September 23 that there has  
been an atomic explosion in  
Russia. He asked the President  
what he could say about the Lon-  
don report. The President said  
he said say nothing about it.  
He said that he had had no ad-  
vance information about the  
explosion he announced in Sep-  
tember, and that he had no ad-  
vance information now about the  
blast predicted in the London  
report.

Information from many sources  
indicates that the Soviet Union  
succeeded in manufacturing the  
atomic bomb at considerably re-  
duced expense, and is in a po-  
sition to produce between 40 and 50  
atomic bombs yearly.

These conclusions about the  
atomic situation in the USSR are  
drawn from evidence which in-  
cludes:

a.) Certain statements made  
during recent weeks by Soviet  
military circles in Germany;

b.) Unofficial statements in  
the Soviet Press;

c.) Confidential bulletins of  
the Academy of Science of the  
USSR "Bulletin of the Physics  
and Mathematics Section," some  
copies of which were brought into  
Western Europe;

d.) Statement made by de-  
serters from the Soviet army.

Information obtained from all  
sources quoted tends to indicate  
beyond question that the stage of  
industrial manufacture of atomic  
bombs has been reached in Russia  
well ahead of the time antici-  
pated by the Western powers and  
at considerably reduced expense.



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When it was submitted, repre-  
sentatives of the three powers  
had already reached a general  
understanding on other provisions.

Consequently, it appears that  
the British request for the bombs  
may become the point on which  
the whole partnership project will  
stand or fall. Also, efforts to  
reach agreement will require  
longer than previously estimated  
by American authorities.

Three power exploratory talks  
arranged a month ago are ex-  
pected to be resumed in Wash-  
ington later this month.

President Harry Truman, under  
his pledge made last summer, will  
consult with the Congressional  
Atomic Energy Committee before  
any agreement is made. Pre-  
sumably the British and Canadian  
governments will likewise seek  
Parliamentary support.

Meanwhile, the provisional  
arrangement under which the  
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to see the bomb pass from United  
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and production in the United  
States.

2. While not producing atomic  
weapons, Britain and Canada  
continue research into all aspects  
of atomic energy.

3. Canadian and British sci-  
entists work side by side with  
American scientists in the United  
States making a full partnership  
of atomic weapons research and  
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4. The United States shares  
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# ICY COLD SWEEPS AMERICA

New York, January 5.  
Floods drowned two men  
as icy cold and rain swept the  
far Western and Southern  
United States today and drove  
towards the Eastern sea-  
board, which has been bask-  
ing in June-in-January  
warmth.

An icy current washed the two  
men to their deaths when their  
car stopped on a flooded high-  
way near Walnut Ridge,  
Arkansas. They clung to tree-  
tops for four hours.

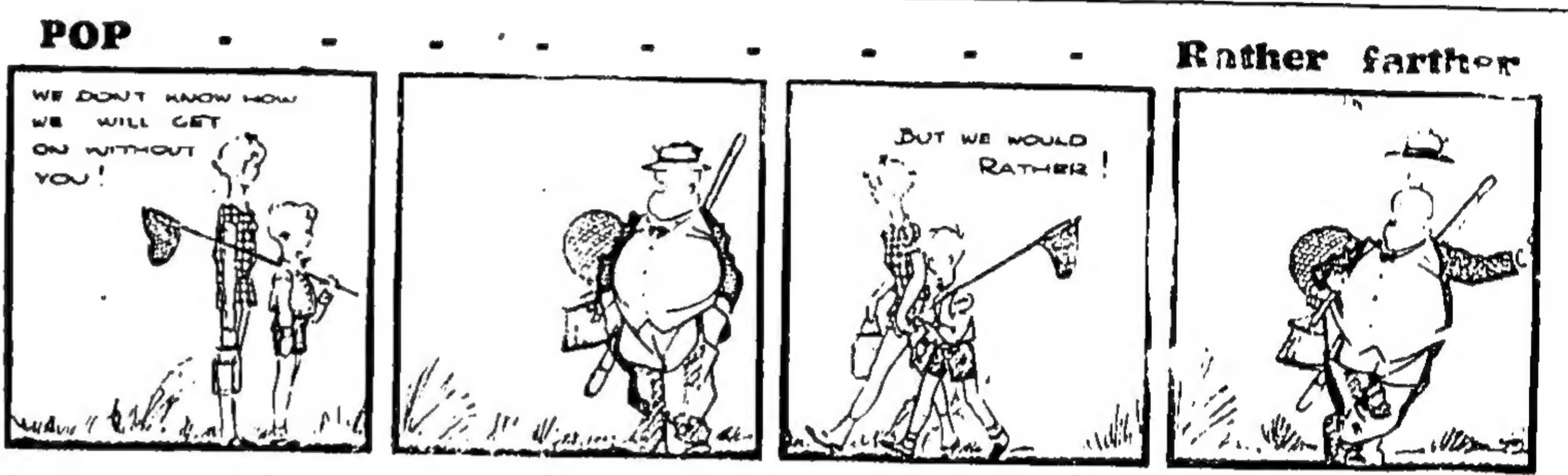
Sub-freezing weather further  
endangered the multi-million  
dollar citrus and vegetable crops  
in Southern California.

Scores of families were made  
homeless by floods in parts of  
Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

Bitter cold continued over  
most of the mid-Western states  
with an Arctic belt extending  
from Montana into Iowa.

Cold and rain also struck  
Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama  
and Tennessee, dropping the  
mercury 30 to 40 degrees in  
some places where a few hours  
before people had enjoyed sum-  
mer-like heat.

In Minnesota the temperature  
tumbled to 26 below zero fa-  
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"SINKIANG"	Japan	30th Jan.
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	2nd week Feb.
ARRIVALS FROM		
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## Formal announcement of recognition made

(Continued From Page 1)

The selection of a new British ambassador to Peking, expected to be Mr. M. E. Denning, head of the Foreign Office Far Eastern Department, will await until the British embassy and archives have been transferred from Nanking to Peking.

Though Britain last night severed relations with the Chinese Nationalist Government, it was expected that the British Government would leave a consul in Taiwan on a de facto basis to look after local British interests in the same way that British consuls were left in parts of China under Communist control while Britain was in relations with the Nationalist Government. The British consul would not be accredited to the Nationalist Government but would maintain de facto relations with the authorities actually administering Taiwan.

### Reaction in Taipeh

Chinese Nationalist leaders in Taipeh received today's announcement of Britain's recognition of the Chinese Communists with bitterness and regret, adds a United Press despatch from Taipeh.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. George Yeh, issued the following statement: "I view with mingled regret and astonishment the phenomenon of Britain rushing to offer recognition to the puppet Peking Communist regime which could lay no valid claim to either full sovereignty or voluntary support of the greater majority of the Chinese people. That a nation which led the world in the institution of democracy should be among the first to have relations with a totalitarian regime of Asia must be a source of sore disappointment to all believers of democracy in China and elsewhere. In the face of this British action the Chinese government has no choice but to recall her diplomatic mission from Britain." The Prime Minister, Yen Hsi-shan, also issued a brief statement. He said: "The British recognition came as no surprise to me. But it is regrettable in view of the long years of friendly relationship between China and Britain. As I have said many times before, the Chinese Communist is a creation of the Third Internationale and cannot be considered an ally or friend of those countries pledged to fight aggression."

He declined comment on the possible consequences of the British action but said the purpose of the recognition could not be fulfilled. Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

### SYDNEY DOCK STRIKE SPREADS

Sydney, January 6. The Sydney dockers' strike spread today and threatened to paralyze the port and tie up all shipping. Thirty ships and a number of inter-state vessels were idle tonight. More than 3,500 men went on strike yesterday in a dispute over the employment of men, who are not members of the Waterside Workers Federation, as first aid officers on overseas vessels. The Overseas Shipping Representatives Association has refused to meet Federation representatives, claiming it is not bound to employ union members, since first aid men from other unions are available. Reuter.

## Killers of Stewart sentenced

Sibu, Sarawak, January 6. Two Malay youths were sentenced to death here today for the murder of Mr. Duncan Stewart, British Governor of Sarawak, who died of stab wounds in Singapore on December 10.

The two condemned men, Rosli Bin Obi, 19, and Morshidi Din Sidek, 25, had pleaded guilty to stabbing the Governor as he inspected a children's guard of honour at Sibu on December 3. After hearing the sentence, the two pleaded for clemency. Rosli said he would appeal to the Supreme Court at Kuching.

In evidence, the two accused said they were members of an organization called the "Thirteen essential ingredients," formed with the aim of assassinating leading British officials. They accused a Malay, Awang Rumbil, now in prison pending an enquiry, of forming the organization and of goading them to kill the Governor.

Rosli's statement said he had dived at the Governor with a knife, but missed him. He had then thrown the knife, and did not know whether it hit the Governor or not.

Morshidi said he had "pretended to take a picture" while Rosli attacked the Governor. He had then followed and drawn a knife, but was seized by the police. A number of men named in the statements as members of the "essential ingredients" organization are in jail awaiting an enquiry. Reuter.

## Murderer of father-in-law hanged

London, January 6. Daniel Raven, 23, was hanged here today for the murder of his father-in-law, after frenzied efforts to secure a reprieve had failed.

Late last night, Raven's father stated he had new evidence bearing on the case. It is understood that police inquiries into the information put forward by the father continued into the early morning, without yielding any result.

Raven was tried for the murder of his father-in-law, Mr. Leopold Goodman, and found guilty. Mr. Leopold Goodman and his wife were found battered to death last October, shortly after returning from a nursing home where they and Raven had visited his wife. She had given birth to a son four days before. Reuter.

### L.K. LITTLE LEAVES CMC POST

Taipei, January 6. More than 100 years of foreign control of the famed Chinese Maritime Customs ended Friday with departure of Inspector General L.K. Little for the United States. Mr. Little was the first American to hold the post. He was appointed in 1948 after a succession of British inspectors general. He has been with the Customs service for 35 years. Before leaving he urged strong United States action to prevent Chinese Communists from seizing Taiwan. Associated Press.

## Sit-down strike at rubber factory

Workers at the Continental Rubber Manufactory, Hunghom, Kowloon, went on a sit-down strike yesterday when their demand for a 40 per cent increase in wages was turned down.

The managements offered 10 per cent which the workers flatly refused. The workers had been on a "go slow" since Wednesday. On the first day production fell by one-third, and on the next day it was sliced by one-half. Yesterday there was a complete shut-down.

The Continental Rubber Manufactory is one of the largest factories making rubber footwear in the Colony. Like other factories making rubber shoes, it has booked large orders, mostly for the United Kingdom, which should keep the factory working full time up to May.

The workers in this trade are in a particularly strong position at present, with all the factories booked up with orders for the next four months and there is no dearth of work, owing to a shortage of skilled workers.

## Indian policy towards Indo-China

New Delhi, January 6. Prime Minister Pandit Nehru said today that it was India's policy not to give official recognition to an government in Indo-China because parts of Indo-China are under one authority, and other parts under another authority.

"We cannot recognise any government as the government of Indo-China," he added. Mr. Nehru was replying to a question at his monthly press conference whether India would recognise the Bao Dai Government.

Asked whether India did not recognise French suzerainty over Indo-China, Mr. Nehru replied that the question arose only when Indian interests were concerned.

Matters relating to Indian interests in areas where the French Government held sway were referred by India to the French Government. It was no good referring to them for other areas where they did not have any authority.

Asked whether the government of India had heard from the Chinese Communist Government since India's recognition of it last week, Mr. Nehru said: "We have not had any answer yet."

The Prime Minister, who made all his statements in reply to correspondents' questions, described Taiwan, where the Chinese Nationalist Government had its headquarters, as "a danger point." But he added: "One does not know what developments may take place. It is a complicated situation. I do not mean a danger point in the sense of war, or anything arising there on any big scale, but it is a matter which possibly may cause a great deal of friction and tension." Reuter.

## US LINES NOT RUNNING BLOCKADE

Manila, January 6. The United States Lines Company's branch office here said today that the shipping line's headquarters has issued instructions against trying to run the China blockade. United Press.

### TUGBOAT STRIKE

Baltimore, January 6. Thirty-eight tugboats went on strike today with 42 cargo ships in port. 21 of them foreign-owned. Three ships moved without tugs during the day. Foreign vessels loading or unloading included three British and Swedish, four Norwegian, two Italian and one Danish. Associated Press.

## Destroyer diverted on way to HK

London, January 4. The destroyer "Cockade" is the British warship which the British Administration in Eritrea announced last night is going to Massawa as a security measure, an authoritative source said today. The vessel is being diverted from a voyage to join the Far Eastern Fleet at Hong Kong, the source said. Reuter.

## RADIO

Radio Hong Kong Broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.55 megacycles per second in the 21 metre band.

8.45-9.00	"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
9.00-9.15	"Hill's Cerebral Band."
9.15-9.30	"Singing with Wings"—Featuring Melachino and His Orchestra with Paula Green and Wilfred Barnes. (ORDB)
9.30-9.45	News, Weather Report and Announcements.
9.45-10.00	Interlude.
10.00-10.15	Orchestra Selections.
10.15-10.30	"Force of Choice"—Presented by Douglas McLeod. (Studio)
10.30-10.45	"American Patrol"—A Programme of Record Characters Introduced by Lionel Loo. (Studio)
10.45-11.00	World News. (London Relay)
11.00-11.15	"Hospital Reserve"—Presented by "Amber". (Studio)
11.15-11.30	Short Story Adapted for Broadcast and Read by Peter Bradie. (Studio)
11.30-11.45	"Radio Ballroom"—Presented by Martin Anderson and Peter Moore. (Studio)
11.45-12.00	"Composers Cavalcade"—The Music of Felix Mendelssohn, Anton and His Orchestra with Singers. (ORDB)
12.00-12.15	"Much Binding in the Marsh"—With Kenneth Horne and Richard Murdoch. (BBC)
12.15-12.30	"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.30-12.45	"Unit Requests"—Linda Carter. (Studio)
12.45-1.00	World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
1.00-1.15	"Saturday Round-Up". (Studio)
1.15-1.30	"Variety Handicap"—From Cambridge Theatre. (BBC)
1.30-1.45	"From the Editorials". (London)
1.45-2.00	Sports Bulletin.
2.00-2.15	"We Sing For You"—Ina Sauer. (Soprano) and Tito Gobbi. (Baritone)
2.15-2.30	"Time For Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra Conducted by Gilbert Vinter. (BBC)
2.30-2.45	"The Tomb of Tutankhamen"—A Feature Programme by Leonard Cottrell. (BBC)
2.45-3.00	Radio News Report. (London Relay)
3.00-3.15	Weather Report.
3.15-3.30	"Dance"—Dance Music.
3.30-3.45	Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain. (London Relay)
3.45-4.00	Close Down.

## Rediffusion

6.00-6.15	Up With The Sun.
6.15-6.30	Sitting Up Exercises.
6.30-6.45	Musical Clock.
6.45-7.00	The Sunlight Programme.
7.00-7.15	News And Weather Forecast.
7.15-7.30	Salon Concert Players.
7.30-7.45	Morning Music.
7.45-8.00	Console & Keyboard.
8.00-8.15	Music For All.
8.15-8.30	Morning Melody.
8.30-8.45	Parade of Rhythms.
8.45-9.00	Financial and World News.
9.00-9.15	Strike Up The Band.
9.15-9.30	Dance Music.
9.30-9.45	News.
9.45-10.00	The Week's Composer.
10.00-10.15	Variety Calls The Tune.
10.15-10.30	Novelties.
10.30-10.45	Tropics.
10.45-11.00	Vocally Yours.
11.00-11.15	Music Makers.
11.15-11.30	Singing Strides.
11.30-11.45	Much Binding in the Marsh.
11.45-12.00	Unit Requests.
12.00-12.15	B.B.C. News.
12.15-12.30	"At The Opera."
12.30-12.45	The Chanticleer Programme.
12.45-1.00	"Ten Times."
1.00-1.15	Sports Roundup.
1.15-1.30	Let's Walk.
1.30-1.45	L.B.C. News.
1.45-2.00	Local News.
2.00-2.15	Strings and Chorus.
2.15-2.30	Rediffusion Hit Parade.
2.30-2.45	Presenting Joy Nichols.
2.45-3.00	"Melody Time."
3.00-3.15	Association Football.
3.15-3.30	Starat.
3.30-3.45	Close Down.

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"PIONEER BAY" Jan. 23	
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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

### BRITAIN OPPOSES AMERICA IN FEC

Washington, January 5.

Informed sources said today that Britain, at a closed meeting of the Far Eastern Commission today, opposed the United States plan to permit the Japanese wider participation in international affairs, pending the conclusion of a peace treaty.

At the same time, the Soviet Union again attacked the American labour policy in Japan, charging the occupation authorities with "repressive measures" against Japanese workers which "deny democratic rights guaranteed by the FEC policy."

### New York Stock Exchange

New York, January 5.—Heavy profit-taking sales barred a rise in the stock market today. Despite a respite in the selling pressure, gains exceeded losses by a wide margin at the close, though closing quotations were under the best marks of the day and variations were mostly fractional. Transfers were 2,750,000 shares—largest since November 3, 1948. Eight hundred and eighty thousand shares changed hands in the first hour.

The ticker tape lagged. Among gainers were United Corporation, American Airlines, Popacoin, Willys Overland, Northern States Power.

Benquet Consolidated, 15th most active issue, closed at 1 1/2, down 1/2.

Dow Jones Average Stocks 72.42, 20 Industrials 200.57, 15 Rails 64.25, 10 Utilities 41.59.

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Alaska Juneau 3 1/2

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Harvard 55 1/2

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Hutchinson Steel 32 1/2

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Horden Co. 50 1/2

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The obligation to obtain import licences applies to all shipment and cargoes, other than military shipments, irrespective of whether or not a general licence to carry on an importing or merchandising business in Japan has been granted.

However, the British advised the Commission that they felt that members of the 13-nation body should be very careful about adopting any policy which would set a precedent of giving a defeated nation sovereign rights before a peace treaty is signed.

While not serving notice that the British would fully veto the American proposal, Mr. Graves made it clear to his colleagues that it would not be acceptable without considerable revision. Russia has not yet expressed its position on this subject.

However, the Soviet Charge, J. A. Vladimirov, resumed his attack against the American labour policy in Japan. American charged that laws prohibiting strikes or collective bargaining in Government-controlled "public welfare" industries contradicted the Potsdam Declaration and the FEC policy.

### POUND RISES

Brussels, January 5.—The British Pound rose to 113 to 116 Belgian Francs on the free market in Brussels today, after reaching its lowest quotation on Wednesday.

Officially the Pound is quoted at 140 Francs—Associated Press.

Packard Motors 4 1/2  
Pan American Airways 9 1/2  
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### LICENCES FOR JAP IMPORTS

All persons or firms importing goods for resale in Japan for foreign exchange require Japanese Government Import Licences.

Any import brought into Japan without such a licence is the expectation of securing a proper licence at a later time is done entirely at the risk of the individuals or firms concerned.

There is no legal or moral obligation on the part of the Japanese Government to grant an import licence simply because an importer has invested money in the purchase or shipment. All importers, for their own protection, should apply for and receive a proper import licence prior to undertaking any financial commitment involving the importation of goods abroad for re-sale in Japan.

The obligation to obtain import licences applies to all shipment and cargoes, other than military shipments, irrespective of whether or not a general licence to carry on an importing or merchandising business in Japan has been granted.

However, the British advised the Commission that they felt that members of the 13-nation body should be very careful about adopting any policy which would set a precedent of giving a defeated nation sovereign rights before a peace treaty is signed.

While not serving notice that the British would fully veto the American proposal, Mr. Graves made it clear to his colleagues that it would not be acceptable without considerable revision. Russia has not yet expressed its position on this subject.

However, the Soviet Charge, J. A. Vladimirov, resumed his attack against the American labour policy in Japan. American charged that laws prohibiting strikes or collective bargaining in Government-controlled "public welfare" industries contradicted the Potsdam Declaration and the FEC policy.

### POUND RISES

Brussels, January 5.—The British Pound rose to 113 to 116 Belgian Francs on the free market in Brussels today, after reaching its lowest quotation on Wednesday.

Officially the Pound is quoted at 140 Francs—Associated Press.

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### H.K. Stock Exchange

This week has been one of the most active for the market to settle down. After the turn of the year it opened with a slight improvement in sentiment, but this was scarcely maintained, and prices drifted around those they left off at New Year's Eve. Towards the close, the market has again displayed slight signs of activity and there is a demand for shares which may continue next week, though the market is so tender that the slightest adverse news may upset things. A road demand depends on how the Government's recognition of the new Government in Peking is viewed.

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The Global Fleet

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via JAPAN

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"President Wilson" Arr. Jan. 20 Sails Jan. 20	
"General Gordon" Arr. Feb. 3 Sails Feb. 4	

TO SAN FRANCISCO &amp; LOS ANGELES



